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1. Introduction

This paper is a short survey over some dependence measures useful to deal with for time series analysis. It may be seen as a simple toolbox to deal with some dependence questions. Indeed to derive statistical bounds for the validity of procedures one needs more control of the dependence between past and future. The aim of weak dependence structure is to derive results analogue to those, classical obtaine under independence. As this is generally assumed we mainly consider stationary models and under such assumptions a main assumption is ergodicity which entails the Strong Law of Large Numbers. The latter result may be regarded as the basic consistency result in statistics which proves the convergence of the basic empirical estimate for the mean

$$\overline{X} = \frac{1}{n}(X_1 + \cdots + X_n),$$

for a given stationary time series $(X_t)_{t\in\mathbb{Z}}$. A first section § 2 is devoted to a rapid tour on some dependence conditions suitable for time series analysis. The consistency of such estimates is considered through moment and probability inequalities in § 3. A nice reference is the short monograph [34] which adresses several issues of non parametric estimation and [13] provides minimax viewpoints based on wavelets shrinkage. A related question is to know more precisely with quality of such estimates and § 4 makes a rapid tour of Central Limit results necessary to deal to get asymptotic confidence bounds. The Donsker variants of the CLT which describe the behaviour of partial sums processes are useful for change point analysis. A last section 5 deals with functional central limit theorems usually necessary to deal with general contrast estimation techniques such as mean squares techniques, QMLE (quasi maximum likelihood) or Whittle estimates (periodogram based). Those techniques are mathematically heavy and we describe them in details to make this section useful for practitioners. Such results allow to deal with many types of estimates and the reference [9] gives a tour on such questions, see also [2], [1], and [14] for various applications.

Our idea is not to provide a reader with a complete survey but only to give some few hints of how to deal with dependence questions in the statistical context. This is why we restrained to some few of items and we insist a bit more on some complex issues.

2. Some weak dependence conditions

2.1. Mixing conditions

The mixing condition introduced by Rosenblatt [33] are weak dependence conditions stated in terms of σ-algebras.

Definition 2.1. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ be a probability space. A map $c : \mathcal{A}\times\mathcal{A} \to [0, +\infty]$ is called mixing coefficient if for every independent σ-algebra $\mathcal{U}$, $\mathcal{V} \subset \mathcal{A}$, $c(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}) = 0$.

The corresponding mixing condition for a random processe $X = (X_t)_{t\in\mathbb{Z}}$ is define by, for $r > 0$,

$$c_X(r) = \sup_{i\in\mathbb{Z}} c\left(\sigma(X_t, t \le i), \sigma(X_t, t \ge i + r)\right).$$

The random process $(X_t)_{t\in\mathbb{Z}}$ is called c-mixing if $c_X(r) \underset{r\to\infty}{\longrightarrow} 0$.

Among all possible mixing coefficients, the following five are commonly used.

- Strong mixing coefficient [33]

$$\alpha(\mathcal{U}, \mathcal{V}) = \sup_{U\in\mathcal{U}, V\in\mathcal{V}} |\mathbb{P}(U \cap V) - \mathbb{P}(U)\mathbb{P}(V)|.$$

- Absolute regularity coefficient [38]

$$\beta(\mathcal{U},\mathcal{V}) = \frac{1}{2}\sup_{I,\,J\in\mathbb{N}} \sup_{\substack{(V_j)_{1\le j\le J}\in\mathcal{V}^J\\ (U_i)_{1\le i\le I}\in\mathcal{U}^I,}} \sum_{i=1}^{I}\sum_{j=1}^{J} |\mathbb{P}(U_i\cap V_j) - \mathbb{P}(U_i)\mathbb{P}(V_j)|,$$

  where $(U_i)_{1\le i\le I}\in\mathcal{U}^I$ and $(V_j)_{1\le j\le J}\in\mathcal{V}^J$ are partitions of Ω. This coefficient can be stated in a more compact way as

$$\beta(\mathcal{U},\mathcal{V}) = \|\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{U}\otimes\mathcal{V}} - \mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{U}}\otimes\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{V}}\|_{TV}.$$

- Maximal correlation coefficient [24]

$$\rho(\mathcal{U},\mathcal{V}) = \sup\{|corr(u,v)|;\ u\in\mathbb{L}^2(\mathcal{U}),\ v\in\mathbb{L}^2(\mathcal{V})\}.$$

- Uniform mixing coefficient [23]

$$\phi(\mathcal{U},\mathcal{V}) = \sup_{U\in\mathcal{U},V\in\mathcal{V}} \left|\frac{\mathbb{P}(U\cap V)}{\mathbb{P}(U)} - \mathbb{P}(V)\right|.$$

- ψ-mixing coefficient [6]:

$$\psi(\mathcal{U},\mathcal{V}) = \sup_{A\in\mathcal{U}} \big|\mathbb{P}(A|\mathcal{V})/\mathbb{P}(A) - 1\big|. \tag{1}$$

Those conditions are related to the following diagram

$$\psi\text{-}mixing \Rightarrow \phi\text{-mixing} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c}\rho\text{-mixing}\\ \beta\text{-mixing}\end{array} \Rightarrow \alpha\text{-mixing}.$$

The relationships between those mixing conditions are studied together with examples of models in [14] and converse implications always fail to hold. Moreover examples of such mixing models may be found in the same reference.

2.2. *Weak dependence conditions*

Definition 2.2. ([15]) The sequence $(X_t)_{t\in\mathbb{Z}}$ is $(\epsilon,\mathcal{F},\mathcal{G},\psi)$-weakly dependent if there exists a seuqence $\epsilon = (\epsilon_r)_{r\in\mathbb{N}}$ converging to zero at infinity and a function ϕ with arguments $(f,g)\in\mathcal{F}\times\mathcal{G}$, $f:\mathbb{R}^u\to\mathbb{R}$, $g:\mathbb{R}^v\to\mathbb{R}$ such that for any $(i_1,\dots,i_u)$ and $(j_1,\dots,j_v)$ with $i_1\le\cdots\le i_u < j_1\le\cdots\le j_v$, one has

$$|cov\left(f(X_{i_1},\dots,X_{i_u}), g(X_{j_1},\dots,X_{j_v})\right)| \le \psi(f,g)\epsilon_r.$$

In this definition, it is required that any function $f\in\mathcal{F}\cup\mathcal{G}$ is a form from a finite dimensional vector space. Is that, there exists $d_f\in\mathcal{N}$ such $f:\mathbb{R}^{d_f}\to\mathbb{R}$. Note that the dimension d_f depend on f and two functions on $\mathcal{F}$ may be defined on vector spaces with different dimensions. Note also that $\mathcal{F}$ and $\mathcal{G}$ are classes of function without any structure assumptions.

A natural way to describe different type of weak dependence is specifying such classes $\mathcal{F}$ and $\mathcal{G}$ but also the application ψ.

First consider that $\mathcal{F}=\mathcal{G}$ be the space of bounded Lipschitz functions with uniform norm bounded by one, namely

$$\mathcal{F} = \Lambda^{(1)} := \{f\in L^\infty \mid Lip(h) < 1,\ \|f\|_\infty \le 1\}.$$

This class is used together with functions ψ, defined on $(\Lambda^{(1)})^2$, such that

$$\psi(f,g) := c(d_f,d_g)\mu(Lip(f),Lip(g))$$

with c and μ respectively defined on $\mathbb{N}^2$ and $\mathbb{R}_+^2$. We will see in further sections that, among this class of function, there exists which are of particular interest.

Definition 2.3 (η-dependence condition)**.** Consider the function

$$\psi_1(f,g) = d_f Lip(F) + d_g Lip(G).$$

The random process $(X_n)_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}$ is η-weakly dependent (or just η-dependent) if it is $(\psi_1,\Lambda^{(1)},\Lambda^{(1)},\epsilon_r)$-weakly dependent. In this case, we denote the sequence ϵ_r by η_r.

Definition 2.4 (κ-dependence condition)**.** Consider the function

$$\psi_2(f,g) = d_f d_g Lip(F) Lip(G).$$

The random process $(X_n)_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}$ is κ-weakly dependent (or just κ-dependent) if it is $(\psi_2, \Lambda^{(1)}, \Lambda^{(1)}, \epsilon_r)$-weakly dependent. In this case, we denote the sequence ϵ_r by κ_r.

Those definitions can be extended to for any integer $j > 2$ setting

$$\psi_j(f,g) = \left(d_f Lip(F) + d_g Lip(G)\right)^j .$$

Secondly we may consider the classes of function $\mathcal{F}$ of bounded function with respect to the uniform norm and $\mathcal{G} = \Lambda^{(1)}$ or the class of 1-bounded Lipschitz function.

Definition 2.5 (θ-dependence condition)**.** Consider the function

$$\psi'(f,g) = d_g Lip(g).$$

The random process $(X_n)_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}$ is θ-weakly dependent (or just θ-dependent) if it is $(\psi', \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G}, \epsilon_r)$-weakly dependent. In this case, we denote the sequence ϵ_r by θ_r.

This definition is a particular case of a more general definition holding in a causal case. We can refer to section 2.3 of [9] for more details about the general definition of the coefficient θ_r.
In this framework, we can define a notion of weak convergence which include the cases η and κ.

Definition 2.6 (λ-dependence conditions)**.** Consider the function

$$\tilde{\psi}(f,g) = d_f d_g Lip(F) Lip(G) + d_f Lip(F) + d_g Lip(G).$$

The random process $(X_n)_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}$ is λ-weakly dependent (or just λ-dependent) if it is $(\tilde{\psi}, \Lambda^{(1)}, \Lambda^{(1)}, \epsilon_r)$-weakly dependent. In this case, we denote the sequence ϵ_r by λ_r.

The τ-dependence coefficients were introduced in Dedecker and Prieur [11].

Definition 2.7 (τ-dependence conditions)**.** Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ a probability space and $\mathcal{M}$ a σ-algebra of $\mathcal{A}$. We define the coefficient τ_p, for $d > 1$ and a random variable X, by:

$$\tau_p(\mathcal{M}, X) = \left\| \sup_{g\in\Lambda^{(1)}} \left(\int g(x)\mathbb{P}_{X|\mathcal{M}}(\mathrm{d}x) - \int g(x)\mathbb{P}_X(\mathrm{d}x) \right) \right\|_p ,$$

where $\mathbb{P}_X$ and $\mathbb{P}_{X|\mathcal{M}}$ de note respectively the distribution of X and the conditional distribution of X given $\mathcal{M}$. In practice we consider the σ-algebras $\mathcal{M}_i = \sigma\left(X_j,\ j \le i\right)$ in order to introduce the coefficient $\tau_{p,k}(r)$ define by

$$\tau_{p,k}(r) = \max_{1\le l\le k} \frac{1}{l} \sup_{i+r\le j_1<\ldots,<j_l} \tau_p\left(\mathcal{M}_i, (X_{j_1}, \ldots, X_{j_l})\right).$$

We also recall Wu [39] and Wu and Shao [40]'s dependence structures.

Definition 2.8 (Physical dependence)**.** Let $(\varepsilon_i)_{i\in\mathbb{Z}}$ be i.i.d random variables, and denote $\mathcal{F}_i = (..., \varepsilon_{i-1}, \varepsilon_i)$. Let $(\varepsilon_i')_{i\in\mathbb{Z}}$ be an iid copy of $(\varepsilon_i)_{i\in\mathbb{Z}}$ and $\mathcal{F}_i' = (\mathcal{F}_{-1}, \varepsilon_0', \varepsilon_1, ..., \varepsilon_i)$ the coupled version of $\mathcal{F}_i$. Assume

$$X_i = g(..., \varepsilon_{i-1}, \varepsilon_i) \in L^p, \quad p > 0, \tag{2}$$

where g is a measurable function such that X_i is well-defined. Define

$$\theta_p(i) = \|X_i - X_i'\|_p \qquad \text{and} \qquad \Theta_{m,p} = \sum_{i=m}^{\infty} \theta_p(i),$$

where $X_i' = g(\mathcal{F}_i')$. Denote $\mathcal{F}_i^* = (\ldots, \varepsilon_{i-1}^*, \varepsilon_i^*)$. Assume $X_i \in L^p, p > 2$, and define

$$\Delta_p(n) = \sup_i \|X_i - g_i(\mathcal{F}_{i-n}^*, \varepsilon_{i-n+1}, ..., \varepsilon_i)\|_p,$$

where g_i is a measurable function such that X_i is well-defined.

The relationships between those mixing conditions are studied together with examples of models in [9] and the relationships between all those coefficients are studied in details in this monograph. Moreover examples of weakly dependent models may be found in the same reference.

3. Moment and probability inequalities

We present some moment and probability inequalities for weak dependence sequences. In this section, let $(X_i)_{i\in\mathbb{Z}}$ be a sequence of centered real valued random variables, and let $S_n=\sum_{i=1}^n X_i, n\geq 1$, be the partial sum of $(X_i)_{i\in\mathbb{Z}}$.

Denote $\tau(x)=\sup_{k\geq 1}\tau_{1,k}(\lfloor x\rfloor)$, where $\lfloor x\rfloor$ denote the greatest integer lower that x. Assume that there exist three positive constants γ_1, a and c such that

$$\tau(x)\leq a\exp\{-c\,x^{\gamma_1}\},\qquad x\geq 1, \tag{3}$$

and that, for two constants $\gamma_2\in(0,\infty]$ and $b\in(0,\infty)$, the following tail condition is satisfied:

$$\sup_{k>0}\mathbb{P}(|X_k|>t)\leq \exp\{1-(t/b)^{\gamma_2}\},\qquad t>0. \tag{4}$$

Notice that when $\gamma_2=\infty$, $(X_k)_{k>0}$ are uniformly bounded. Suppose furthermore that $\gamma<1$ and it is defined by

$$1/\gamma=1/\gamma_1+1/\gamma_2. \tag{5}$$

Merlevède, Peligrad and Rio [26] have established the following Bernstein type inequality for τ-mixing sequences.

Theorem 3.1 ([26]). *Let*

$$V=\sup_{M>0}\sup_{i>0}\Big(var(\varphi_M(X_i))+2\sum_{j>i}|cov(\varphi_M(X_i),\varphi_M(X_j))|\Big),$$

where $\varphi_M(x)=(x\wedge M)\vee(-M)$. Assume the conditions (3), (4) and (5). Then V is finite and, for any $n\geq 4$, there exist positive constants C_1,C_2,C_3 and C_4 depending only on c,γ and γ_1 such that it holds for any $x>0$,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}\Big(\sup_{1\leq j\leq n}|S_j|\geq x\Big) &\leq n\exp\left\{-\frac{x^\gamma}{C_1}\right\}+\exp\left\{-\frac{x^2}{C_2(1+nV)}\right\}\\ &\quad+\exp\left\{-\frac{x^2}{C_3 n}\exp\Big\{\frac{x^{\gamma(1-\gamma)}}{C_4(\log x)^\gamma}\Big\}\right\}.\end{aligned}$$

Liu, Xiao and Wu [25] obtained the following Rosenthal type inequality for physical dependence random variables.

Theorem 3.2 ([25]). *Let X_i be defined by (2). Assume $\mathbb{E}|X_1|^p<\infty, p>2$. Then*

$$\begin{aligned}\|\max_{1\leq j\leq n}S_j\|_p &\leq n^{1/2}\left[\frac{87p}{\log p}\sum_{j=1}^n\theta_2(j)+3(p-1)^{1/2}\sum_{j=n+1}^\infty\theta_p(j)+\frac{29p}{\log p}\|X_1\|_2\right]\\ &\quad+n^{1/p}\left[\frac{87p(p-1)^{1/2}}{\log p}\sum_{j=1}^n j^{1/2-1/p}\theta_p(j)+\frac{29p}{\log p}\|X_1\|_p\right].\end{aligned}$$

In particular, it implies that

$$\|\max_{1\leq j\leq n}S_j\|_p \leq c_p n^{1/2}(\Theta_{1,2}+\|X_1\|_2)+c_p n^{1/p}\left[\sum_{j=1}^\infty \min(j,n)^{1/2-1/p}\theta_p(j)+\|X_1\|_p\right].$$

Denote by $G_q(y)$ the following Gaussian-like tail function

$$G_q(y)=\sum_{j=1}^\infty\exp\{-j^q y^2\},\qquad y>0,\ q>0.$$

Note that $\sup_{y\geq 1}G_q(y)e^{y^2}=G_q(1)e$. Hence if $y\geq 1, G_q(y)\leq G_q(1)e^{1-y^2}$. With the notation of $G_q(y)$, Liu, Xiao and Wu [25] proved the following Nagaev type inequalities.

Theorem 3.3 ([25]). *Let X_i be defined by (2).*

(i) *Assume that*

$$v := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu_j < \infty, \qquad \textit{where} \quad \mu_j = (j^{p/2-1}\theta_p^p(j))^{1/(p+1)}.$$

Then for any $x > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{P}\Big(\sup_{1\le j\le n} |S_j| \ge x\Big) \quad &\le \quad c_p \frac{n}{x^p}\Big(v^{p+1} + \|X_1\|_p^p\Big) + 4\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \exp\Big\{-\frac{c_p \mu_j^2 x^2}{nv^2\theta_2^2(j)}\Big\} \\ &\quad + 2\exp\Big\{-\frac{c_p x^2}{n\|X_1\|_2^2}\Big\}.\end{aligned}$$

(ii) *Assume that* $\Theta_{m,p} = O(m^{-\alpha}), \alpha > 1/2 - 1/p$. *Then there exist positive constants* C_1, C_2 *such that for any* $x > 0$,

$$\mathbb{P}\Big(\sup_{1\le j\le n} |S_j| \ge x\Big) \quad \le \quad \frac{C_1\Theta_{0,p}^p n}{x^p} + +4G_{1-2/p}\Big(\frac{C_2 x}{\sqrt{n}\Theta_{0,p}}\Big).$$

(iii) *If* $\Theta_{m,p} = O(m^{-\alpha}), \alpha < 1/2 - 1/p$, *then for any* $x > 0$,

$$\mathbb{P}\Big(\sup_{1\le j\le n} |S_j| \ge x\Big) \quad \le \quad \frac{C_1\Theta_{0,p}^p n^{p(1/2-\alpha)}}{x^p} + 4G_{(p-2)/(p+1)}\Big(\frac{C_2 x}{n^{(2p-1-2\alpha p)/(2+2p)}\Theta_{0,p}}\Big).$$

Let $p \in [1, 2]$. For any $x > 1$, let $r_x > 0$ be the solution to the equation

$$x = (1 + r_x)^{\nu(p)} \exp\Big\{\frac{r_x^2}{2}\Big\}, \qquad \text{where } \nu(p) = \begin{cases} 2p+1 & \text{if } p \in (1, \frac{3}{2}]; \\ 6p-3 & \text{if } p \in (\frac{3}{2}, 2]. \end{cases}$$

One says that U_n satisfies Cramér moderate deviations (CMD) with rate τ_n and exponent $p > 0$ if, for every $a > 0$, there exists a constant $C = C_{a,p}$, independent of x and n, such that

$$\Big|\frac{\mathbb{P}(U_n \ge r_x)}{1 - \Phi(r_x)} - 1\Big| \le C(\frac{x}{\tau_n})^{\frac{1}{1+2p}} \quad \text{and} \quad \Big|\frac{\mathbb{P}(U_n \le -r_x)}{\Phi(-r_x)} - 1\Big| \le C(\frac{x}{\tau_n})^{\frac{1}{1+2p}}$$

hold uniformly in $x \in [1, a\tau_n]$. Wu and Zhao [41] showed that physical dependence sequences satisfy CMD.

Theorem 3.4 ([41])**.** *Let* X_i *be defined by (2). Assume* $X_0 \in L^{2p}, p \in (1, 2]$ *and* $\Theta_{2p}(0) < \infty$. *Then the limit* $\sigma = \lim_{n\to\infty} \|S_n\|_2/\sqrt{n}$ *exists and is finite. Assume that* $\sigma > 0$, *and that there exist* $0 < \alpha \le \beta \le \alpha + \frac{1}{2}$ *such that the following conditions hold:*

$$\Theta_{m,2p} = O(m^{-\alpha}) \qquad \textit{and} \qquad \sum_{i=m}^{\infty} \theta_{2p}^2(i) = O(m^{-2\beta}).$$

Let $\eta = \alpha\beta/(1+\alpha)$. *Then* $S_n/(\sigma\sqrt{n})$ *satisfies CMD with rate* $\tau_n = n^{p-1}$, *or* $\tau_n = n^{p-1}/\log^p n$, *or* $\tau_n = n^{p\eta}$, *under* $\eta > 1 - 1/p$, *or* $\eta = 1 - 1/p$, *or* $\eta < 1 - 1/p$, *respectively, and exponent* p.

Set $\alpha \in (0, 1)$. Let $m = \lfloor n^\alpha \rfloor$ and $k = \lfloor n/(2m) \rfloor$. Denote

$$S_{l,s} = \sum_{i=l+1}^{l+s} X_i$$

the block sums of X_i for $l + 1 \le i \le l + s$, and $Y_j = S_{2m(j-1),\, m}$. Set

$$S_k^o = \sum_{j=1}^{k} Y_j \qquad \text{and} \qquad [S^o]_k = \sum_{j=1}^{k} (Y_j)^2.$$

Denote the *interlacing self-normalized sums* as follows

$$W_n^o = S_k^o/\sqrt{[S^o]_k}. \tag{6}$$

The following self-normalized Cramér moderate deviation result holds under a geometric moment contraction condition.

Theorem 3.5 ([7]). *Let X_i be defined by (2). Assume that $\mathbb{E}|X_i|^q \leq c_1^q$ for all i and a constant $q \in (2,3]$ and that*

$$\mathbb{E}S_{l,s}^2 \geq c_2^2 s \quad \text{for all } l \geq 0 \text{ and } s \geq 1.$$

Assume also that there exist three positive constants a_1, a_2 and $\tau \in (0,1]$ such that

$$\Delta_q(n) \leq a_1 e^{-a_2 n^\tau}.$$

For any $0 < \alpha < 1$, then there exists a constant $A > 0$, depending only on $c_1/c_2, a_1, a_2, \alpha, q$ and τ such that

$$\left|\log \frac{\mathbb{P}(W_n^o \geq x)}{1 - \Phi(x)}\right| \leq A\left(\frac{(1+x)^q}{n^{(1-\alpha)(q/2-1)}}\right) \tag{7}$$

for all $0 \leq x \leq c_0 \min(n^{(1-\alpha)/2}, n^{\alpha\tau/2})$. In particular, it implies that

$$\frac{\mathbb{P}(W_n^o \geq x)}{1 - \Phi(x)} = 1 + o(1) \tag{8}$$

for all $0 \leq x = o\big(\min(n^{(1-\alpha)(q-2)/2q}, n^{\alpha\tau/2})\big)$.

We also have the following self-normalized Cramér moderate deviations for β-mixing sequences.

Theorem 3.6 ([7]). *Assume that $\mathbb{E}|X_i|^{2+\nu} \leq c_0^{2+\nu}$ for all i and a constant $\nu \in (0,1]$, and that*

$$\mathbb{E}S_{l,s}^2 \geq c_1^2 s \quad \text{for all } l \geq 0 \text{ and } s \geq 1.$$

Assume also that there exist three positive constants a_1, a_2 and $\tau \in (0,1]$ such that

$$\beta(n) \leq a_1 e^{-a_2 n^\tau}.$$

Then for any positive constant $\rho < \nu$,

$$\left|\log \frac{\mathbb{P}(W_n^o \geq x)}{1 - \Phi(x)}\right| \leq c_\rho\left(\frac{(1+x)^{2+\rho}}{n^{(1-\alpha)\rho/2}}\right) \tag{9}$$

uniform for $0 \leq x = o(\min\{n^{(1-\alpha)/2}, n^{\alpha\tau/2}\})$, where c_ρ depends only on c_0, c_1, ρ, a_1, a_2 and τ. In particular, it implies that

$$\frac{\mathbb{P}(W_n^o \geq x)}{1 - \Phi(x)} = 1 + o(1) \tag{10}$$

uniformly for $0 \leq x = o(\min\{n^{(1-\alpha)\rho/(4+2\rho)}, n^{\alpha\tau/2}\})$.

For ψ-mixing sequences, we have the following self-normalized Cramér moderate deviations.

Theorem 3.7 ([20]). *Assume that there exists a constant $\rho \in (0,1]$ such that*

$$\mathbb{E}|S_{l,s}|^{2+\rho} \leq s^{1+\rho/2} c_2^{2+\rho} \tag{11}$$

and that

$$\mathbb{E}S_{l,s}^2 \geq c_1^2 s \quad \text{for all } l \geq 0 \text{ and } s \geq 1. \tag{12}$$

Assume also that for some $\alpha \in (0,1)$, it holds

$$\psi(n) = O\big(n^{-(1+\rho)/\alpha}\big), \quad n \to \infty.$$

Then for any $\rho \in (0,1]$, the following equality holds

$$\frac{\mathbb{P}(W_n^o > x)}{1 - \Phi(x)} = 1 + o(1) \tag{13}$$

uniformly for $0 \leq x = o(n^{(1-\alpha)\rho/(4+2\rho)})$.

4. Central limit theorems

In this section, we consider a random process $(X_n)_{n\in\mathbb{Z}}$ with finite expectation. We set, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_i - \mathbb{E}X_i),$$

and, for all $t \in [0,1]$,

$$W_n(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor nt\rfloor}(X_i - \mathbb{E}X_i),$$

where $\lfloor t\rfloor$ denote the greatest integer lower that t. The aim of this section is to summarize some conditions under which the asymptotic behaviours of $n^{-1/2}S_n$ and $t \mapsto W_n(t)$ are known.

4.1. CLT for sequences

The first result of asymptotic normality relies on a hypothesis about the sum of covariances.

Theorem 4.1 ([32]). *Suppose $(X_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ be stationary and ergodic random variables with finite 2nd order moment. If for $\mathcal{F}_0 = \sigma(X_i,\ i \le 0)$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$,*

$$\sum_{k>0} cov\left(\mathbb{E}(X_n|\mathcal{F}_0), X_k\right) \quad \textit{is finite}$$

and

$$\lim_{n\to+\infty}\sup_{K>0}\Big|\sum_{k>K} cov\left(\mathbb{E}(X_n|\mathcal{F}_0), X_k\right)\Big| = 0,$$

then $n^{-1}var(S_n)$ converges to a finite $\sigma^2 > 0$ and $n^{-1/2}S_n$ converges in distribution to a normal distribution $\mathcal{N}(0,\sigma^2)$.

The extra assumption due to dependence in this theorem may be interpreted as a condition of summability about coefficients ϵ_r in 2.2. In the case of miwing processes we can weaken this condition.

Theorem 4.2 ([32, 16]). *Suppose $(X_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ be stationary and ergodic random variables with finite 2nd order moment. If the process $(X_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ fulfils one of the following two conditions, then $n^{-1}var(S_n)$ converges to a finite $\sigma^2 > 0$ and $n^{-1/2}S_n$ converges in distribution to a normal distribution $\mathcal{N}(0,\sigma^2)$.*

1. *The process $(X_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ is α-mixing and satisfies*

$$\int_0^1 \tilde{\alpha}^{-1}(u)Q_0(u)^2\mathrm{d}u,$$

where Q_0 denotes the quantile function of X_0 and

$$\tilde{\alpha}^{-1}(u) = \inf\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \sup_{k\in\mathbb{Z}} \alpha(\mathcal{F}_k, X_{k+n}) \le u\}.$$

2. *The sequence $(X_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ has a common distribution with mixing coefficients $\beta(n)$ and $\alpha(n)$ summable.*

The extension of this theorem, when it is stated in terms of condition 2, to the case of transformation of the sequence $(X_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$, we refer to [32] for more details.

4.2. Donsker-type theorems

Donsker's theorem always involve Wiener's measure on $[0,1]$ denoted by $\mathbb{W}$ and the Skorohod space $D([0,1])$ which is roughly the space of *càdlàg* functions. We refer to the monography of Billingsley [5] for the definitions.

Theorem 4.3 ([32]). *If the real valued strictly stationary process $(X_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ satisfies the assumption 1 of Theorem 4.2, then $n^{-1/2}var(S_n) \to \sigma^2 > 0$ and*

$$W_n \underset{n\to+\infty}{\longrightarrow} \sigma\mathbb{W} \quad \textit{in} \quad D([0,1]).$$

Apart of mixing conditions, in any different type of weak convergence it is possible to describe explicitly the rate of convergence required for $(\epsilon_r)_{r\in\mathbb{N}}$ in order to have Donsker's theorems.

Theorem 4.4 ([15])**.** *Consider the real valued stationary process* $(X_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ *with zero mean such that*

$$\mathbb{E}|X_0|^m < +\infty \quad \text{for a real number } m > 2.$$

Then

$$\sigma^2 = \sum_{t\in\mathbb{Z}} cov(X_0, X_t) \quad \text{is finite}$$

and it holds

$$W_n \underset{n\to+\infty}{\longrightarrow} \sigma\mathbb{W} \quad in \quad D([0,1]),$$

if one of the following assuamptions is fulfilled:

- κ***-dependence :*** *The process is* κ*-weakly dependent and satisfies* $\kappa(r) = O(r^{-\kappa}), r \to \infty$, *for some* $\kappa > 2 + 1/(m-2)$.
- λ***-dependence :*** *The process is* λ*-weakly dependent and satisfies* $\lambda(r) = O(r^{-\lambda}), r \to \infty$, *for some* $\lambda > 4 + 2/(m-2)$.
- θ***-dependence :*** *The process is* θ*-weakly dependent and satisfies* $\theta(r) = O(r^{-\theta}), r \to \infty$, *for some* $\theta > 1 + 1/(m-2)$.

This theorem is a concatenation of the results of Dedecker and Doukhan [8] (for θ-dependence) and Doukhan and Wintenberger [19] (for κ and λ-dependence).

4.3. Triangular arrays

In the context or triangular schemes conditions for asymptotic normality are stated in terms close to the notion of θ-weak dependence and rely on Lindeberg's method. Triangular arrays appear as natural issues in functional estimation which require windowing or thresholding as mentioned in [34].

Theorem 4.5 ([28])**.** *Suppose that* $(X_{n,k})_{1\le k\le n}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, *is a triangular scheme of stationary random variables with* $\mathbb{E}X_{n,k} = 0$ *and* $\mathbb{E}X_{n,k}^2 \le C < \infty$. *Furthermore, we assume that*

$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^{n}\mathbb{E}\left(X_{n,k}^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{|X_{n,k}|/\sqrt{n}>\varepsilon\}}\right) \underset{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow} 0$$

holds for all $\varepsilon > 0$ *and that*

$$var(X_{n,1} + \cdots + X_{n,n})/n \underset{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow} \sigma^2 \in [0,\infty).$$

For $n \ge n_0$, *there exists a monotonously nonincreasing and summable sequence* $(\theta(r))_{r\in\mathbb{N}}$ *such that, for all indices* $s_1 < \cdots < s_u < s_u + r = t_1 \le t_2$, *the following upper bounds for covariances hold true:*

- *For all measurable and square integrable function* $g : \mathbb{R}^u \to \mathbb{R}$,

$$|cov\left(g(X_{n,s_1}, \ldots, X_{n,s_u}), X_{n,t_1})\right)| \le \sqrt{\mathbb{E}(g^2(X_{n,s_1}, \ldots, X_{n,s_u}))\theta(r)}.$$

- *For all measurable and bounded functions* $g : \mathbb{R}^u \to \mathbb{R}$,

$$|cov\left(g(X_{n,s_1}, \ldots, X_{n,s_u}), X_{n,t_1}X_{n,t_2})\right)| \le \|g\|_\infty \theta(r).$$

Then

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\sum_{k=1}^{n} X_{n,k} \underset{n\to\infty}{\overset{d}{\longrightarrow}} \mathcal{N}(0,\sigma^2),$$

where $\xrightarrow{d}$ *stands for convergence in distribution.*

This theorem can be extended to the case where $X_{n,k} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ with $d > 1$. Such result can be found in [4].

Theorem 4.6 ([27])**.** *Suppose that* $(X_{n,k})_{k=1,\ldots,n}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, *is a triangular scheme of stationary random variables with* $\mathbb{E}X_{n,k} = 0$ *and* $\mathbb{E}X_{n,k}^2 \le C < \infty$. *Furthermore, assume that*

$$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{k=1}^{n}\mathbb{E}\left(X_{n,k}^2 \mathbb{1}_{\{|X_{n,k}|>\varepsilon\}}\right) \underset{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow} 0$$

holds for all $\varepsilon > 0$ *and that*

$$var(X_{n,1} + \cdots + X_{n,n}) \underset{n\to\infty}{\longrightarrow} \sigma^2 \in [0, \infty).$$

For $n \geq n_0$*, there exists a summable sequence* $(\theta(r))_{r\in\mathbb{N}}$ *such that, for all indices* $s_1 < \cdots < s_u < s_u + r = t_1 \leq t_2$*, the following upper bounds for covariances hold true: for all measurable functions* $g : \mathbb{R}^u \to \mathbb{R}$*,*

$$|cov\left(g(X_{n,s_1}, \ldots, X_{n,s_u})X_{n,s_u}, X_{n,t_1})\right)| \leq \left(\mathbb{E}X^2_{n,s_u} + \mathbb{E}X^2_{n,t_1} + n^{-1}\right)\theta(r)$$

and

$$|cov\left(g(X_{n,s_1}, \ldots, X_{n,s_u}), X_{n,t_1}X_{n,t_2})\right)| \leq \left(\mathbb{E}X^2_{n,t_1} + \mathbb{E}X^2_{n,t_2} + n^{-1}\right)\theta(r).$$

Then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} X_{n,k} \underset{n\to\infty}{\overset{d}{\longrightarrow}} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2),$$

where $\overset{d}{\longrightarrow}$ *stands for convergence in distribution.*

5. Functional central limit theorems

This section is concerned with a weak convergence of empirical measures. The empirical measure of a sample $X_1, \ldots, X_n$ of random variables, taken their values in a space $\mathcal{X}$, is defined as

$$\mathbb{P}_n = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{n=1}^{n} \delta_{X_i}.$$

Considering a class of functions $\mathcal{F}$ we defined the $\mathcal{F}$-indexed empirical process $\mathbb{G}_n$ by

$$f \in \mathcal{F} \mapsto \mathbb{G}_n f = \sqrt{n}\left(\mathbb{P}_n f - Pf\right),$$

where P is the common distribution of the $(X_i)_{i=1}^n$ and Qf denote, for any measure Q, $\int_{\mathcal{X}} f \mathrm{d}Q$. A functional central limit theorem can be seen as a uniform version of the central limit theorem $\mathbb{G}_n f \overset{d}{\to} \mathcal{N}(0, P(f - Pf)^2)$. In that sense we investigated in this section, under which condition there exists a Gaussian process $\mathbb{G}$ such that

$$\mathbb{G}_n \overset{d}{\to} \mathbb{G}, \quad l^\infty(\mathcal{F}).$$

Here, $l^\infty(\mathcal{F})$ denotes the space of $\mathcal{F}$-indexed process endowed with uniform metric. Considering a stationary sequence $(X_t)_{t\in\mathbb{Z}}$, the candidate of the limit Gaussian process is entirely determined since, for any $p \in \mathbb{N}$ and any vector $(f_1, \ldots, f_p) \subset \mathcal{F}$ we have

$$(\mathbb{G}_n f_1, \ldots, \mathbb{G}_n f_p) \overset{d}{\to} \mathcal{N}\left(0, \Sigma\right), \tag{14}$$

where $\Sigma_{i,j} := P(f_i - Pf_i)(f_j - Pf_j)$ and for $f,\ g \in \mathcal{F}$,

$$cov(\mathbb{G}(f), \mathbb{G}(g)) = \sum_{t\in\mathbb{Z}} cov(f(X_0), g(X_t)).$$

Consequently, under weak dependence assumption under which previous convergences holds, only the question of the existence of a such Gaussian limit remains. The following theorem gives a baseline of a general strategy to solve this problem. In the two following subsections, we present results adapted for particular type of classes $\mathcal{F}$.

Lemma 5.1. *Let* ρ *be a metric on* $\mathcal{F}$*. Assume the following two conditions:*

1. *The convergence* (14) *hold for any* $p \in \mathbb{N}$*.*
2. *For every* $\varepsilon > 0$ *and* $\eta > 0$*, there exists* $\delta > 0$ *such that*

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty} \mathbb{P}^*\left(\sup_{\substack{(f,g)\in\mathcal{F}^2\\ \rho(f,g)<\delta}} |\mathbb{G}_n(f) - \mathbb{G}_n(g)| > \eta\right) < \varepsilon.$$

Then there exists a tight Gaussian process $\mathbb{G}$ *with margins given by* (14) *such that* $\mathbb{G}_n \overset{d}{\to} \mathbb{G}$ *in* $l^\infty(\mathcal{F})$*. Conversely, if* $\mathbb{G}_n \overset{d}{\to} \mathbb{G}$ *in* $l^\infty(\mathcal{F})$ *where* $\mathbb{G}$ *is a tight Gaussian process then conditions* 1 *and* 2 *are fulfilled.*

The notation $\mathbb{P}^*$ denotes the outer probability, which is the probability of the lowest measurable set containing our set of interest. This precaution is necessary since, in the empirical theory, non measurable map might easily appears (see e.g. Example 3 p. 48 in [36]). Note that, even if those details are hidden here, the weak convergence is defined in terms of outer expectation to avoid problems of measurability [22]. The condition 2 is commonly named asymptotic $\rho-$equicontinuity and is closely related with the asymptotic tightness of $\mathbb{G}$. For the i.i.d case, we refer to the monographs of Van der Vaart end Wellner [36] or Pollard [30].

5.1. Empirical cumulative distribution functions

First we consider, may be the more natural, the case of empirical cumulative distribution function (cdf) of real valued random variable. This correspond to the case where the class $\mathcal{F}$ is the class of indicators of the half real line, that is

$$\mathcal{F} = \{\mathbb{1}_{\cdot\leq x},\ x \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

This definition can be easily extended to the case of random variable with value in $\mathbb{R}^d$ considering the class of indicators of quadrant understanding "$\leq$" components wise.

For the class of indicators, the condition 2 of Theorem 5.1 is easy to check, this leads functional CLT which can be clearly state.

The next theorem presents some functional CLTs for univriate cdf.

Theorem 5.2 ([32, 35, 18]). *Let $(X_t)_{t\in\mathbb{Z}}$ be a stationary sequence of real random variables with common continuous cumulative distribution function F. There exists a tight Gaussian process $\mathbb{G}$ such that*

$$\mathbb{G}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbb{G}, \quad in\ l^\infty(\mathbb{R}),$$

if one of the following assertion are fulfilled:

1. *The sequence $(\alpha_n)_{n\geq 0}$ of strong mixing coefficients satisfies*

$$\alpha_n \leq cn^{-\alpha}, \quad with\ \alpha > 1\ and\ c \geq 1.$$

2. *The sequence $(\rho_n)_{n\geq 0}$ of maximal correlation coefficients satisfies*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \rho_{2^n} < \infty.$$

3. *The sequence $(X_t)_{t\in\mathbb{Z}}$ is η-weakly dependent satisfies*

$$\eta_r = O\big(r^{-15/2-\nu}\big), \quad with\ \nu > 0.$$

4. *The sequence $(X_t)_{t\in\mathbb{Z}}$ is κ-weakly dependent satisfies*

$$\kappa_r = O\left(r^{-5-\nu}\right), \quad with\ \nu > 0.$$

Under α and β-mixing conditions, we have the following functional CLT for multivariate cdf.

Theorem 5.3 ([32, 3]). *Let $(X_t)_{t\in\mathbb{Z}}$ be a stationary sequence of random variables with values in $\mathbb{R}^d$. We assume that the univariate cdf of the margins are continuous. There exists a tight Gaussian process $\mathbb{G}$ such that*

$$\mathbb{G}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbb{G}, \quad in\ l^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

if one of the following assertion is fulfilled:

1. *The sequence $(\alpha_n)_{n\geq 0}$ of strong mixing coefficients satisfies*

$$\alpha_n \leq cn^{-\alpha}, \quad with\ \alpha > 1\ and\ c \geq 1.$$

2. *The sequence $(\beta_n)_{n\geq 0}$ of absolute regularity coefficients satisfies*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \beta_n < \infty.$$

In order to derive a multivariate central limit theorem, it is convenient to introduce a particular case of the coefficient τ_p, which is more adapted to deal with empirical processes. Consider, for $p \in [1, \infty]$, the coefficient

$$\tilde{\beta}_p(\mathcal{M}, X) = \left\| \sup_{(t_i)_{i=1}^n \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^n} \left(\int \prod_{i=1}^n g_{t_i,i}(x_i) \mathbb{P}_{X|\mathcal{M}}(\mathrm{d}x) - \int \prod_{i=1}^n g_{t_i,i}(x_i) \mathbb{P}_X(\mathrm{d}x) \right) \right\|_p ,$$

where $g_{t_i,i} = \mathbb{1}_{x \le t_i} - \mathbb{P}(X_i \le t_i)$. We define quantities $\tilde{\beta}_{p,k}(r)$ in the same way as Definition 2.7.

The following theorem gives a functional CLT for multivariate cdf under weak dependence.

Theorem 5.4 ([12]). *Let $(X_t)_{t \in \mathbb{Z}}$ be a stationary sequence of random variables taking their values on $\mathbb{R}^d$. There exists a tight Gaussian process $\mathbb{G}$ such that*

$$\mathbb{G}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbb{G}, \quad \text{in } l^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d),$$

if one of the following assertion are fulfilled:

1. *There exists $\varepsilon \in (0, 1]$ and $p' > d(2 + \varepsilon)/(2\varepsilon)$ such that $\tilde{\beta}_{2,p'}(r) = O(r^{-1-\varepsilon})$.*
2. *There exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that*
$$\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} r\, \tilde{\beta}_{2,d+\varepsilon}(r) < \infty.$$
3. *There exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\tilde{\beta}_\infty(r) = O(r^{-1-\varepsilon})$.*
4. *There exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\tilde{\beta}_2(r) = O(r^{-2d-\varepsilon})$.*
5. *Each component of X_1 has a bounded density and there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\tau_{2,\infty}(r) = O(r^{-2-\varepsilon})$.*
6. *Each component of X_1 has a bounded density and there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that $\tau_{2,1}(r) = O(r^{-4d-\varepsilon})$.*

Note that the conditions in this theorem are linked without converses according to the diagrams 5 ⇒ 3 ⇒ 1 and 6 ⇒ 4 ⇒ 2.

5.2. Class of functions with finite entropy

The aim of this question is to pick out conditions on the class $\mathcal{F}$ under which the point 2) of the Theorem 5.1 is fulfilled. Since this condition is concerned in the equicontinuity, we can investigate from the side of class of regular functions. Following this way, if we take $\mathcal{F}$ as a ball in the space of Lipschitz square integrable functions endowed with a suitable metric, then Theorem 5.1 holds under assumption of sumability of strong mixing coefficients. We refer to section 8.2 in [32] to the construction of such balls and more specially to Theorem 8.1 to the result.

However, the fact that a class $\mathcal{F}$, fulfilling the equicontinuity conditions, is related to its "size". The size is defined in term of entropy with brackets (also call bracket entropy or bracketing number) or metric entropy number.

5.2.1. Bracketting entropy numbers

Definition 5.1. Consider $\mathcal{H}$ a vector space of functions and $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{H}$.

1. Let $f,\ g \in \mathcal{F}$, such that $f \le g$ (pointwise). We define the interval of functions or "brackets" between f and g, denoted by $[f, g]$, the set
$$\{h \in \mathcal{H} | f \le h \le g\}.$$
When $\mathcal{F}$ is endowed by a distance d, $d(f, g)$ is the diameter of $[f, g]$.
2. The class $\mathcal{F}$ is said totally bounded with brackets if for every $\delta > 0$, there exists a finite set $S(\delta)$ of brackets with diameter at most δ such that for all $f \in \mathcal{F}$, there exists $[h, g] \in S(\delta)$ such that $f \in [h, g]$.
3. We define the bracketing number of $\mathcal{F}$ as the lowest cardinal of the set $S(\delta)$. This bracketing number is denoted $\mathcal{N}_{[\,]}(\delta, \mathcal{F})$.
4. The entropy (with brackets) number of $\mathcal{F}$ is defined by
$$H_{[\,]}(\delta, \mathcal{F}, d) = \log\left(\max(\mathcal{N}_{[\,]}(\delta, \mathcal{F}), 2)\right).$$

Note that bracketing number and entropy with brackets both depend on the diameter δ and on the metric on $\mathcal{F}$.

For i.i.d sequence with common distribution P, when $\mathcal{F} \subset L^2(P)$, the condition

$$\int_0^1 \sqrt{H_{[\,]}(x, \mathcal{F}, \|.\|_2)}\mathrm{d}x < \infty$$

is sufficient so that the $\mathcal{F}-$indexed empirical process satisfies a functional central limit theorem. See [29]. However this condition can't be used as well. For $(X_k)_{k\in\mathbb{Z}}$ stationary β-mixing sequence we introduce a weighted version of the Euclidean norm:

$$\|f\|_{2,\beta} = \sqrt{\int_0^1 \beta^{-1}(u)U_f^2(u)\mathrm{d}(u)},$$

where β^{-1} is the inverse function of $r \in \mathbb{N} \mapsto \beta_r$ for $(\beta_r)_{r\in\mathbb{N}}$ the sequence of β-mixing coefficients and U_f is the inverse function of $t \mapsto \mathbb{P}(|f(X_0)| > t)$. We denote by $L^{2,\beta}(P)$ the functions for which the norm $\|.\|_{2,\beta}$ is finite.

Theorem 5.5 ([17])**.** *Let $(X_k)_{k\in\mathbb{Z}}$ be stationary β-mixing sequence with common distribution P such that*

$$\sum_{r>0} \beta_r < \infty.$$

If $\mathcal{F} \subset L^{2,\beta}(P)$ fulfill

$$\int_0^1 \sqrt{H_{[\,]}(x, \mathcal{F}, \|.\|_{2,\beta})}\mathrm{d}x < \infty, \tag{15}$$

then $\mathbb{G}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbb{G}$ in $l^\infty(\mathcal{F})$.

The condition (15) is not be that easy to be checked. Even the class of quadrant do not fulfil this condition. To avoid this problem, the idea is to use the maximal coupling of Goldstein [21] to built a suitable measure for which $\mathcal{F}$ fulfils the equicontinuity condition with the unweighted norms of L^2 or L^1.

Theorem 5.6. *Let $(X_k)_{k\in\mathbb{Z}}$ be a stationary β-mixing sequence with common distribution P such that*

$$\sum_{r>0} \beta_r < \infty.$$

Let Q be a positive measure built by maximal coupling and $\mathbb{F} \subset L^1(Q)$ a class of functions taking their values in $[-1, 1]$. If $\mathcal{F}$ is totally bounded in $L^1(Q)$ and

$$\int_0^1 \sqrt{H_{[\,]}(x, \mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|_1)/x}\ \mathrm{d}x < \infty,$$

then $\mathbb{G}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbb{G}$ in $l^\infty(\mathcal{F})$.

The measure Q exists and is positive when the coefficients β_r are summable and its construction is explicit. One can find this construction in the monography of Rio [32] p. 112.

Dedecker and Louichi established the counterpart of Theorem [17] in terms of ϕ-mixing. We recall the definition of those mixing coefficients,

$$\phi_k(r) = \sup_{r<i_1\le\cdots\le i_k} \phi(\sigma(X_i,\ i \le 0), \sigma(X_{i_1}, \ldots, X_{i_k})).$$

Theorem 5.7 ([15])**.** *Let $(X_i)_{i\in\mathbb{Z}}$ be a stationary sequence with common distribution P and $\mathcal{F} \subset L^2(P)$. Then $\mathbb{G}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbb{G}$ in $l^\infty(\mathcal{F})$ if one of the following assumptions is fulfilled.*

- *The sequence $(X_i)_{i\in\mathbb{Z}}$ is ϕ-mixing such that*

$$\sum_{k>0} k\phi_2(k) < \infty \quad \textit{and} \quad \int_0^1 \sqrt{H_{[\,]}(x, \mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|_4)}\mathrm{d}x < \infty.$$

- *The sequence $(X_i)_{i\in\mathbb{Z}}$ is ϕ-mixing such that $\phi_2(k) = O(k^{-b})$ for some $b \in (1, 2)$ and*

$$\int_0^1 \sqrt{H_{[\,]}(x, \mathcal{F}, \|\cdot\|_{2b/(b-1)})}\mathrm{d}x < \infty.$$

5.2.2. Metric entropy numbers

Definition 5.2. Let $\mathcal{F}$ be a class of functions endowed by a seminorm ρ and a real $\varepsilon > 0$. The covering number $\mathcal{N}(\varepsilon, \mathcal{F}, \rho)$ is a minimal number of ball of radius ε needed to cover $\mathcal{F}$. We so define the metric entropy number as

$$H(\varepsilon, \mathcal{F}, \rho) = \log(\mathcal{N}(\varepsilon, \mathcal{F}, \rho)).$$

In the i.i.d case this approach is often preferred since the metric entropy number with respect to the uniform metric can be easily controlled for the classes of Vapnik-Chervonenkis [37]. But the consideration of those classes is not relevant in the present dependent case and many references restrict to classes of BV-functions.

A real function h is said to be a BV-function if there exists a finite signed measure dh such that, $h(x) = h(0) + dh([0,x))$ fi $x > 0$ and $h(x) = h(0) - dh([x,0))$ if $x < 0$. Following the Hahn-Jordan decomposition, there exist a unique couple (dh_+, dh_-) of (positive) measures such that $dh = dh_+ - dh_-$. We so define the norm $\|dh\| = dh_+(\mathbb{R}) + dh_-(\mathbb{R})$. Moreover we said that h is BV_1 if h is BV and $\|dh\| \leq 1$. Note that the map $h \mapsto |h|_v = \|dh\|$ defines a seminorm over any class of BV functions.

In order to derive central limit theorem it is convenient to set ϕ-mixing coefficient in terms of BV_1 functions. For X a real valued random variable and $\mathcal{M}$ a σ-algebra, Dedecker and Prieur [12] set

$$\phi(\mathcal{M}, X) = \left\| \sup_{f \in BV_1} \left| \int f(x)\mathbb{P}_{x|\mathcal{M}}(\mathrm{d}x) - \int f(x)\mathbb{P}_x(\mathrm{d}x) \right| \right\|_1 .$$

Others mixing coefficients can be expressed in the same way, we refer to [12] for proofs and comparison relations between those coefficients. We further define, for a positive integer k, the coefficients

$$\phi(k) = \sup_{i \geq 0} \phi(\sigma(X_j, j \leq i), X_{k+i}).$$

Theorem 5.8. *Let $(X_t)_{t\in\mathbb{Z}}$ be a stationary and ergodic sequence of real-valued random variables and $\mathcal{F}$ a class of BV functions. If we have*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \phi(k) < \infty \text{ and } \int_0^1 \sqrt{H(\varepsilon, \mathcal{F}, |.|_v)}\mathrm{d}\varepsilon < \infty,$$

then

$$\mathbb{G}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mathbb{G} \quad \text{in } l^\infty(\mathcal{F}).$$

Note that a class of convex Lipschitz functions always satisfies the metric entropy condition.

5.2.3. The Sobolev balls

In this example, we consider a probability space $(\Omega, \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{P})$ and $T : \Omega \to \Omega$ bimeasurable which preserve $\mathbb{P}$. Consider the sequence $(X_k)_{k\geq 0}$ defined as $X_k = X_0 \circ T^k$ and the filtration $\mathcal{M}_k = T^k(\mathcal{M}_0)$ with $\mathcal{M}_0$ a sub-σ-algebra of $\mathcal{A}$. Moreover, we denote by $\mathcal{I}$ the σ-algebra of all T-invariant sets. In thie framework, Merlevède and Dedecker [10] considered the special case of the class of functions indexed by the general Sobolev balls. They see $F_n - F$, where F_n is the empirical cumulative distribution function of the $(X_i)_{i=1}^n$ with common distribution F, as a random element of $L^p(\mu)$ for a certain probability measure μ and $1 \leq p < \infty$. In this framework, the considered class of functions is

$$W_{p',1}(\mu) = \left\{ f : f(t) = f(0) + \int_{[0,t)} f'(x)\mu(dx)\mathbb{1}_{t>0} - \int_{(t,0]} \mu(dx)\mathbb{1}_{t\leq 0}, \|f'\|_{q,\mu} \right\}$$

with p' the conjugate exponent of p $(1/p + 1/p' = 1)$. With this class one can express the τ-mixing coefficient as

$$\tau_{\mu,p,q}(\mathcal{M}, X) = \left\| \sup_{f \in W_{q,1}(\mu)} \mid \int f dF_{X|\mathcal{M}} - \int f dF_X \mid \right\|_q .$$

We naturally define for an integer k, $\tau_{\mu,p,q}(k)$ as $\tau_{\mu,p,q}(\mathcal{M}_0, X_k)$. Since central limit theorems involve weak convergence in l^∞(class of functions), in order to manage the fact that the present setup take involves an L^p space, we need an isometry between $h : L^p(\mu)$ and $l^\infty(W_p, 1(\mu))$ the natural candidate for a such map is the application $h : L^p(\mu) \to l^\infty(W_p, 1(\mu))$ defined as $h(g) = \{\mu(f'g), f \in W_{p',1}(\mu)\}$.

Theorem 5.9 ([10]). *Define the function F_μ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ by $F_\mu(x) = \mu([0, x))$ if $x \geq 0$ and $F_\mu(x) = -\mu([x, 0))$ if $x \leq 0$. Assume that $\| \, |F_\mu(X_0)|^{1/p} \|_2$ is finite. The empirical process $\{\mathbb{G}_n(f), f \in W_{1,p'}\}$ weakly converges in $h(W_{p',1}(\mu)$ to a tight process which is Gaussian centered conditionally to $\mathcal{I}$ if one of the following conditions is fulfilled:*

1. *$p \in [2, \infty)$ and $\sum_{k>0} \tau_{\mu,p,2}(k) < \infty$.*
2. *$p = 2$, $\mu(\mathbb{R}) < \infty$ and $\sum_{k>0} \tau_{\mu,2,1}(k) < \infty$.*
3. *$p = 2$, $F_{X_0|\mathcal{M}_{-\infty}} = F$ and $\sum_{k>0} \| \| F_{X_k|\mathcal{M}_0} - F_{X_k|\mathcal{M}_{-1}} \|_{2,\mu} \|_2$.*

The knowledge of the result for τ-mixing sequence is enough to deal with a large amount of mixing sequences since many of this dependence coefficient can control the coefficient τ.

Proposition 5.10. *Let X be a real valued random variable and $\mathcal{M}$ a sub-σ-algebra of $\mathcal{A}$. Then*

1. *for any $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ and for any measure μ: $\tau_{\mu,p,q}(\mathcal{M}, X) \leq \mu(\mathbb{R})^{1/p} \phi(\mathcal{M}, X)$,*
2. *for any $p, q \in [1, \infty]$ and for any measure μ: $\tau_{\mu,p,q}(\mathcal{M}, X) \leq \mu(\mathbb{R})^{1/p} \beta(\mathcal{M}, X)^{1/q}$,*
3. *if $t \mapsto \mu((-\infty, t])$ is K-Lipschitz, then for any $p, q \in [1, \infty]$: $\tau_{\mu,p,q}(\mathcal{M}, X) \leq (K\phi(\mathcal{M}, X))^{1/p}$,*
4. *if $t \mapsto \mu((-\infty, t])$ is K-Lipschitz, then for any $p \in [1, \infty]$ and $q < p$: $\tau_{\mu,p,q}(\mathcal{M}, X) \leq (K\tau(\mathcal{M}, X))^{1/p}$.*

5.2.4. Class of functions with bounded variations

In this section we denote by $\mathbb{Z}_n(x)$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ the empirical process indexed by indicators of half lines in $\mathbb{R}$ (this is the case treated in section 5.1). The aim of this section is to deduce asymptotic gaussianity for $\mathbb{G}_n$ from the asymptotic gaussianity of $\mathbb{Z}_n$ together with regularity conditions. Consider first, for a function $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, the total variation norm defined by

$$\|g\|_{TV} = \sup_{\Pi} \sum_{x_i, x_{i+1} \in \Pi} |g(x_{i+1}) - g(x_i)|,$$

where Π denote the set of all countable partitions of $\mathbb{R}$. Consider the set, for $T > 0$,

$$BV_T = \{g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } \|g\|_{TV} \leq T, \|g\|_\infty \leq T\}.$$

Caution, do not confuse BV_T with the set BV introduced in section 5.2.2. Moreover we denote by BV'_T the subset of BV_T of right continuous functions.

Theorem 5.11 ([31]). *Assume that there exists a distribution function F_0 such at the process $\mathbb{Z}_n$ converges weakly (as $n \to \infty$) to a tight Gaussian process with uniformly continuous sample paths with respect to the distance $d(s, t) = |F_0(s) - F_0(t)|$. Then for any $T > 0$ and any class of functions $\mathcal{G} \subset BV'_T$, the $\mathcal{G}$-indexed empirical process converges weakly on $l^\infty(\mathcal{G})$ to a Gaussian process. Moreover, the Gaussian limit has uniformly $L_1(F_0)$-continuous sample paths.*

Note that, the Theorem 5.11 remains true if we replace $\mathbb{Z}_n$ by any processes satisfying the following conditions:

- $\lim_{|t| \to \infty} \mathbb{Z}_n(t) = 0$,
- the sample paths of $\mathbb{Z}_n$ are right continuous and of bounded variations,

and if we interpret $\mathbb{G}_n$ as a process indexed by $\mathcal{G}$:

$$\Big\{ \int g(x) d\mathbb{Z}_n(x), g \in \mathcal{G} \Big\}.$$

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