

Uniform and Nonuniform Estimates in the CLT for Banach Valued Dependent Random Variables

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A uniform estimate of the rate of convergence in the central limit theorem (CLT) in certain Banach spaces for dependent random variables is established when the Gaussian measure of the ε -neighbourhood of the boundary of a set is proportional to ε and the third order moment is finite in the strong sense. A uniform estimate in the CLT for Banach valued dependent random variables is carried out when the B -space is well behaved for a martingale transform. © 1988 Academic Press, Inc.

1. INTRODUCTION

Throughout the paper B will denote a real separable Banach space with norm $\|\cdot\|$ and B^* the conjugate space. We shall assume that B satisfies the following condition. The norm $\|\cdot\|$ of B as a function from $B - \{0\}$ to R is three times continuously Fréchet-differentiable, and its differentials satisfy

$$\max\{\|D_x^1\|, \|D_x^2\|, \|D_x^3\|: \|x\| = 1\} = C < \infty, \quad (1.1)$$

where D_x^i denotes the differential of order i of $\|\cdot\|$.

Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be a fixed probability space. A B -valued random variable X is a Bochner measurable map from Ω to B . We denote by L_B^p the set of B -valued random variable X such that $\|X\|^p$ ($1 \leq p < \infty$) is integrable. Throughout the paper we consider random variables (r.v.'s) having third order moment in the strong sense (i.e., $E\|X\|^3 < \infty$); this condition ensures the existence of the expectation and covariance operators, which are defined in the following way:

$$a = EX \text{ if } f(a) = Ef(X) \quad \text{for all } f \in B^*.$$

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The covariance operator T , being a bounded linear symmetric and non-negative operator mapping B^* into the second dual space B^{**} , is defined by the formula (assuming that $EX=0$)

$$(Tf)(g) = E(f(X)g(X)), \quad f, g \in B^*.$$

We denote by $\mu(0, T)$ the Gaussian distribution in B with zero mean and covariance operator T . A B -valued r.v. Y is said to be Gaussian if for each $f \in B^*$, $f \circ Y$ is a real-valued Gaussian random variable. We denote by C absolute constants, and by $C(\cdot)$ constants depending on the arguments in parentheses.

Let

$$S_r(a) = \{x \in B: \|x - a\| < r\}$$

and

$$S_{r,\varepsilon}(a) = \{x \in B: r \leq \|x - a\| < r + \varepsilon\}.$$

It is known that if B is a Hilbert space, then the Gaussian measure $\mu = \mu(0, T)$ satisfies the following condition:

For all $\varepsilon > 0$, $r \geq 0$ and $a \in B$, there is a constant $C_0(\mu, B)$ such that

$$\mu(S_{r,\varepsilon}(a)) \leq C_0(\mu, B)(1 + \|a\|^2) \varepsilon \quad (1.2)$$

and

$$C_0(\mu_\alpha, B) \leq \alpha^{-C_{11}(B)} C_0(\mu, B), \quad \text{where } \mu_\alpha = \mu(0, T\alpha), \quad 0 < \alpha \leq 1, \quad (1.3)$$

and $C_{11}(B)$ is a positive constant depending only on B . Inequalities (1.2) are not true in general for an arbitrary Banach space but they are true for some of the L^p spaces ($1 < p < \infty$). The condition (1.1) implies that B is of type 2 and that there exists a Gaussian r.v. Y which has the same covariance as $S = \sum_{i \leq n} X_i$ if $\{X_i\}$ is in L_B^2 . Paulauskas [15] obtained bounds of $A_n(a) = \sup_{r>0} |P(\|S - a\| \leq r) - P(\|Y\| \leq r)|$ under the hypotheses (1.1) and (1.2), where $\{X_i\}$ are zero mean independent r.v.'s in L_B^3 . This result was generalised for m -dependent sequences $\{X_i\}$ by Rhee and Talagrand [16] in the special case $a=0$. We generalise Paulaskas's result for martingale sequences. It has been pointed out by the referee that Götze [7] has recently obtained much sharper results (namely $O(n^{-1/2})$) for i.i.d. cases through Edgeworth expansions.

Paulaskas [15] obtained a nonuniform bound for independent Hilbert space valued r.v.'s. We obtain a nonuniform bound in B -space when the

random variables are dependent. Let $B_n > 0$ be a normalizing constant; we may take $B_n^2 = \sum_{i \leq n} E \|X_i\|^2$ and denote $\bar{T}_n = B_n^{-2} \sum_{i \leq n} T_i$. Let $\mu_i = \mu(0, T_i)$ and F_i be the distribution of a B -valued r.v. X_i .

2. SOME PRELIMINARY LEMMAS

The results of this section are either well known or easy and hence are stated without proof.

LEMMA 1. For $x \in B$, $x \neq 0$, $\lambda \neq 0$. We have $D_{\lambda x} = D_x$, $D_{\lambda x}^2 = \lambda^{-1} D_x^2$, $D_{\lambda x}^3 = \lambda^{-2} D_x^3$. Hence $\|D_x\| \leq C$, $\|D_x^2\| \leq C \|x\|^{-1}$, $\|D_x^3\| \leq C \|x\|^{-2}$.

LEMMA 2. If B is of type 2 with constant C then for all independent B -valued zero mean r.v.'s X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n which are in L_B^2 , $E \|\sum X_i\|^2 \leq C \sum E \|X_i\|^2$.

LEMMA 3. There exists a constant C_1 such that for $\varepsilon > 0$, $r > 0$, there exists $f: R \rightarrow [0, 1]$, $f(x) = 0$ if $x \leq r$, $f(x) = 1$ if $x \geq r + \varepsilon$, f is three times continuously differentiable, and $\|f^{(3)}\|_\infty \leq C_1 \varepsilon^{-3}$.

LEMMA 4. Suppose $f: R \rightarrow R$ is three times continuously differentiable and $f(x) = 0$ if $x \leq 0$.

Let $x, y \in B$, $h(\lambda) = f(\|x + \lambda y\|)$. Then h is three times continuously differentiable. If $v = x + \lambda y = 0$,

$$h(\lambda) = h'(\lambda) = h''(\lambda) = h^{(3)}(\lambda) = 0.$$

If $\|v\| = \|x + \lambda y\| \neq 0$,

$$h'(\lambda) = D_v(y) f'(\|x + \lambda y\|)$$

$$h''(\lambda) = (D_v(y))^2 f''(\|v\|) + D_v^2(y) f'(\|v\|)$$

$$h^{(3)}(\lambda) = (D_v(y))^3 f^{(3)}(\|v\|) + 3D_v(y) D_v^2(y)^2 f''(\|v\|) + D_v^3(y)^3 f'(\|v\|).$$

LEMMA 5 (Fernique [6]). There exists a constant C_2 such that for all B -valued Gaussian r.v.'s Y one has

$$P(\|Y\| \geq t) \leq \exp(-t^2/C_2 E \|Y\|^2)$$

and

$$E \|Y\|^p \leq C_p (E \|Y\|^2)^{p/2} \quad \text{for } p \geq 2. \quad (2.0)$$

Let $P(B)$ be the set of all probability measures on (B, \mathcal{B}) , where \mathcal{B} is the Borel σ -field of B . Let us denote the set of Gaussian measures on B by $G(B)$. We provide $G(B)$ with the weakest topology that makes evaluation or the projection map in the space of Gaussian measures continuous bounded on B . A map $w \rightarrow u_w$ from Ω into $G(B)$ is said to be measurable if for f continuous and bounded on B the map $w \rightarrow u_w(f) = \int f d\mu_w$ is measurable (see, e.g., [13, p. 40]).

LEMMA 6. Let \mathcal{F}^* be a countably generated σ -field of \mathcal{F} and denote by E^* the expectation with respect to \mathcal{F}^* . Let $X \in L_B^2$. Then there exists an \mathcal{F}^* measurable map $w \rightarrow \mu_w \in G(B)$ such that for each $f, g \in B^*$

$$E^*(f(X) g(X))(w) = \int f(X) g(X) d\mu_w(x) \tag{2.1}$$

and for each $p \geq 2$, if $X \in L_B^p$,

$$\int \left(\int \|x\|^p d\mu_w(x) \right) dP(w) \leq C_p E \|X\|^p. \tag{2.2}$$

Proof. The proof depends on existence of regular random measure in B -space by choosing a regular version of the conditional distribution, i.e., $\mu: B \times \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is a function such that for every $w \in \Omega$, $\mu_w(\cdot)$ is a probability measure on \mathcal{B} and for every $A \in \mathcal{B}$, $\mu_{(\cdot)}(A)$ is a version of $P(X \in A | \mathcal{F}^*)$ and hence is \mathcal{F}^* -measurable (see [9]). The rest follows from the properties of conditional expectation.

3. MAIN RESULTS

Let $\{\mathcal{F}_i\}$ be an increasing sequence of σ -algebras of \mathcal{F} . For a B -valued r.v. or a real r.v. X , we denote conditional expectation with respect to \mathcal{F}_i by E^i . Let Y be Gaussian with the same covariance as $S = \sum_{i \leq n} X_i$. Let X_i be \mathcal{F}_i -measurable.

Suppose also that

$$E^{i-1}(X_i) = 0 \quad \text{for } i \geq 2. \tag{3.1}$$

For all $f, g \in B^*$,

$$\sum_{i \leq n} E^{i-1}(f(X_i) g(X_i)) \text{ is a constant a.s.} \tag{3.2}$$

LEMMA 7. Under conditions (3.1) and (3.2) there exists a probability space $(\Omega^*, \mathcal{F}_*, P^*)$, sub- σ -algebras $\mathcal{F}_1^*, \dots, \mathcal{F}_n^*$ of \mathcal{F}_* , B -valued r.v.'s X_1^* ,

$X_2^*, \dots, X_n^*, Y_1^*, Y_2^*, \dots, Y_n^*$ on Ω^* such that the following conditions are satisfied if we denote by F^i the conditional expectation with respect to \mathcal{F}_i^* .

$$\text{The law of } (X_1^*, X_2^*, \dots, X_n^*) \text{ is the law of } (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n). \tag{3.3}$$

$$X_i^* \text{ is } \mathcal{F}_i^* \text{ measurable for } i \leq l-1, \tag{3.4}$$

$$F^i(X_i^*) = F^i(Y_i^*) = 0. \tag{3.5}$$

For each $k \leq n$,

$$F^k(f(X_k^*) g(X_k^*)) = F^k(f(Y_k^*) g(Y_k^*)). \tag{3.6}$$

Let $X^* = \sum_{k \leq n} X_k^*$ and $Y^* = \sum_{k \leq n} Y_k^*$; then Y^* is Gaussian with the same covariance as X^* .

For $l \geq 2$ and $k \leq n$,

$$E \|Y_k^*\|^l \leq C_l E \|X_k^*\|^l, \quad \text{where } C_l \text{ is a constant depending on } l \text{ only.} \tag{3.7}$$

Proof. The proof is based on an idea of Dvoretzky [4, 5] and its corrected version provided by Kłopotowski [11, 12] (who uses increasing sequences of σ -fields $\mathcal{F}_{n_1} \supset \mathcal{F}_{n_2} \dots \mathcal{F}_*$ and adapts X_{n_1}, X_{n_2}, \dots to them). Let

$$\Omega^* = \Omega \times \overbrace{B \times B \times \dots \times B}^{n\text{-times}}$$

and \mathcal{B} be the σ -field of the subsets of B . \mathcal{F}_* is generated by the sets $A \times B_1 \times B_2 \times \dots \times B_n$, where $A \in \Omega$, $B_i \in \mathcal{B}$ for $i \leq n$, and \mathcal{F}_i^* is generated by the sets $A \times B_1 \times \dots \times B_n$, where $A \in \mathcal{F}_{i-1}$, $B_i \in \mathcal{B}$ for $i \leq n$. By Lemma 6 construct the random measure $v_w = \mu_w^1 \otimes \mu_w^2 \otimes \dots \otimes \mu_w^n$. Denote by P^* the unique probability on $(\Omega^*, \mathcal{F}_*, P^*)$ such that for $A \in \Omega$, $B \in \mathcal{B}^n$

$$P^*(A \times B) = \int_A v_w(B) dp(w).$$

Now (3.5) follows from conditions (3.1), and (3.6) follows from (3.2). Since $\{Y_i^*\}$ are Gaussian, (3.7) follows from (2.2) of Lemma 6 and (2.2) of Lemma 5.

Let $F_i^*(\cdot)$ be the conditional (conditioning with respect to \mathcal{F}_i^*) distribution of the B -valued r.v. X_i^* and similarly let $\mu_i^*(\cdot)$ be the conditional distribution of the B -valued Gaussian random variable Y_i^* . $\{F_i^* - \mu_i^*\}$ is a finite random signed measure on \mathcal{B} . The conditional absolute pseudomoment of third order is given by $v_3(i) = \int \|y\|^3 |F_i^* - \mu_i^*|(dy)$, where $|F_i^* - \mu_i^*|(y)$ denotes the total variation of the signed measure for a fixed $y \in B$.

THEOREM 1. *Under the preceding conditions (1.1), (1.2), (3.1), and (3.2) there is a constant $c(B, \bar{T}_n)$ such that for all $n \geq 1$,*

$$\Delta_n(a) \leq C(B, \bar{T}_n)(1 + \|a\|^2) \left(B_n^{-3} \sum_{i \leq n} E v_3(i) \right)^{1/4} \tag{3.8}$$

$$\leq C_1(B, \bar{T}_n)(1 + \|a\|^2) \left(B_n^{-3} \sum_{i \leq n} E \|X_i\|^3 \right)^{1/4}. \tag{3.9}$$

Proof. By Lemma 3 there exists a sequence of functions $f_n: R \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that $f_n(x) = 1$ if $x \geq r + \varepsilon_n$, $f_n(x) = 0$ if $x \leq r$, $f_n^{(3)}$ is continuous in R and $|f_n^{(3)}(x)| \leq C\varepsilon_n^{-3} I[r, r + \varepsilon_n]$. To avoid notational complexity, let us dispense with the norming constant B_n for the time being; we shall introduce it at an appropriate time.

It is well known (see, e.g., [15]) that

$$\Delta_n = \Delta_n(0) \leq \sup_{r > 0} |Ef_n(S) - Ef_n(Y)| + \bar{\mu}_n(S_{r, \varepsilon_n}),$$

where $S_{r, \varepsilon_n} = S_{r, \varepsilon_n}(0)$. Therefore using condition (1.2)

$$\Delta_n \leq \sup_{r > 0} |Ef_n(S) - Ef_n(Y)| + C(B, \bar{T}_n) \varepsilon_n. \tag{3.10}$$

As in [1]

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta f_n &= \sup_{r > 0} |Ef_n(S) - Ef_n(Y)| \\ &\leq \sum_{i \leq n} |Ef_n(\|U_i + X_i\|) - Ef_n(\|U_i + Y_i\|)|, \end{aligned}$$

where $U_i = \sum_{j < i} X_j + \sum_{i < j \leq n} Y_j$. Therefore $\Delta f_n \leq \sum_{i \leq n} V_i$, where

$$V_i = |E\{f_n(\|U_i + X_i\|) - f_n(\|U_i + Y_i\|)\}|.$$

Let us dispense with f_n and work with f only. Let

$$h_1(\lambda) = f(\|U_i + \lambda X_i\|) \quad \text{and} \quad h_2(\lambda) = f(\|U_i + \lambda Y_i\|).$$

By Lemmas 3 and 7 we get

$$F^i(h_1'(0)) = F^i(h_2'(0)) \quad \text{and} \quad F^i(h_1''(0)) = F^i(h_2''(0)).$$

Hence $E(h_1'(0)) = E(h_2'(0))$ and $E(h_1''(0)) = E(h_2''(0))$. Therefore by Taylor expansion

$$V_i \leq \frac{1}{6} E |F^i(h_1^{(3)}(\tau) - h_2^{(3)}(\tau))|,$$

where $|\tau_1| < 1$ and $|\tau_2| < 1$.

We know that for $1 \leq j \leq 3$, $f^{(j)}(u) = C_1 \varepsilon^{-3} u^{3-j} I_{[r, r+\varepsilon]}(u)$ and $\|D_x^j\| \leq C \|x\|^{-j+1}$. Therefore

$$V_i \leq \frac{1}{6} C(B) \varepsilon_n^{-3} B_n^{-3} E \int_B \|y\|^3 |F_i^* - \mu_i^*| (dy). \quad (3.11)$$

Therefore $Af_n \leq C_1(B) \varepsilon_n^{-3} B_n^{-3} \sum_{i \leq n} Ev_3(i)$.

Choosing $\varepsilon_n = (C_1(B) B_n^{-3} \sum_{i \leq n} Ev_3(i))^{1/4} (C(B, \bar{T}_n))^{-1/4}$ we get (3.8) in case $a = 0$.

In case $a \neq 0$ we change the definition of f_n to $g_n(t) = f_n(\|t - a\|)$. It is clear that (3.11) is unaltered and the second term of (3.10) will be $C(B, \bar{T}_n) (1 + \|a\|^2) \varepsilon_n$. Now $Ev_3(i) \leq E \|X_i\|^3 + E \|y_i\|^3$ and by Lemma 5 and a result of Hoffman-Jorgensen and Pisier [8],

$$Ev_3(i) \leq CE \|X_i\|^3.$$

This proves Theorem 1 completely.

4. NONUNIFORM BOUND

To get a nonuniform bound for dependent B -valued r.v.'s we need some results and ideas due to Burkholder [2, 3].

LEMMA 8. If $\{X_i\}$ is a B -valued r.v. in L_B^p satisfying condition (2.1) and the B -space is well behaved for martingale transform ($B \in MT$) or has the unconditionality property for martingale differences ($B \in VMD$) (see [3]) then the following inequality holds:

$$E \left(\left\| \sum_{i \leq n} X_i \right\|^p \right) \leq C_p E \left[\sum_{i \leq n} \|X_i\|^2 \right]^{p/2} \quad \text{for } p \geq 1.$$

Proof. Now $\{S_n = \sum_{i \leq n} X_i\}$ is a B -valued martingale with respect to nondecreasing σ -algebras $\mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{F}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{F}$ and $g_n = \sum_{k \leq n} \varepsilon_k X_k$ is its transform by the independent Rademacher sequence $\{\varepsilon_n\}$ and conversely. Let $\|S\|_p = \sup_n \|S_n\|_p$, $g^*(w) = \sup_n \|g_n(w)\|$, and $\|g\|_p = \sup_n \|g_n\|_p$. Then by [3] $\lambda P(g^* > \lambda) \leq C \|S\|_1$, $\lambda > 0$, and $\|g\|_p \leq C_p \|S\|_p$.

Now following Theorem 10 of [2] and Marcinkiewicz' interpolation formula we get

$$E \|g_n\|^p \leq M_p E \|S_n\|^p.$$

A result of Kahane [10] asserts that for each element x_1, \dots, x_n of any Banach space,

$$\int \left\| \sum_{i \leq n} \varepsilon_i(w) x_i \right\|^p \leq N_p \left(\int \left\| \sum_{i \leq n} \varepsilon_i(w) x_i \right\|^2 \right)^{p/2}$$

where N_p is a constant.

So we get

$$\int \left\| \sum_{i \leq n} \varepsilon_i(w) X_i(w) \right\|^p dw \leq \int \left\| \sum_{i \leq n} \varepsilon_i(w_1) X_i(w_2) \right\|^p dw_1 dw_2.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} & A_p M_p^{-1} E \left(\sum_{i \leq n} \|X_i\|^2 \right)^{p/2} \\ & \leq M_p^{-1} E \left(\int_0^1 \left\| \sum_{i \leq n} \varepsilon_i(w_1) X_i(w_2) \right\|^p dw_1 \right) \\ & = \int_0^1 M_p^{-1} E \left\| \sum_{i \leq n} \varepsilon_i(w_1) X_i(w_2) \right\|^p dw_1 \\ & \leq E \|S_n\|^p \\ & \leq B_p M_p E \left(\sum_{i \leq n} \|X_i\|^2 \right)^{p/2} \\ & = C_p E \left[\sum_{i \leq n} \|X_i\|^2 \right]^{p/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the lemma is proved.

THEOREM 2. Let $V_i^2 = \sum_{j \leq i} E^{j-i} (\|X_j\|^2)$, $U_i^2 = \sum_{j \leq i} \|X_j\|^2$ and $L_n = \sum_{i \leq n} E \|X_i\|^{2+2\delta} + E (\|V_n^2 - 1\|^{1+\delta})$ for $0 < \delta \leq 1$. Suppose $\{S_i = \sum_{j \leq i} X_j, \mathcal{F}_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ is a zero mean B -valued martingale and $X_i \in L_B^{2+2\delta}$. Assume that the condition of Lemma 8 holds. There exists constant A_δ , depending on δ , such that whenever $L_n \leq 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(x) &= |P(\|S_n\| \leq x) - P(\|Y\| \leq x)| \\ &\leq A_\delta L_n^{1/(3+2\delta)} [1 + x^{4(1+\delta)^2/(3+2\delta)}]^{-1} \quad \text{for } x \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(x) &\leq P(\|S_n\| > x) + P(\|Y\| > x) \\ &\leq x^{-2+2\delta} (E \|S_n\|^{2+2\delta} + E \|Y\|^{2+\delta}). \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
E \|S_n\|^{2+2\delta} &\leq c_\delta E \left(\sum_{i \leq n} \|X_i\|^2 \right)^{1+\delta} \quad (\text{by Lemma 8}) \\
&= c_\delta E(U_n^{2+2\delta}) \\
&\leq c'_\delta [E \|U_n^2 - V_n^2\|^{1+\delta} + E \|V_n^2 - 1\|^{1+\delta} + 1] \\
&\leq c''_\delta (L_n + 1). \tag{4.2}
\end{aligned}$$

Applying Burkholder's [2] inequality again to the real martingale with differences $\|X_i\|^2 - E^{i-1}(\|X_i\|^2)$ and using the fact that $\delta \leq 1$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
E \|U_n^2 - V_n^2\|^{1+\delta} &= E \left| \sum_{i \leq n} (\|X_i\|^2 - E^{i-1}(\|X_i\|^2)) \right|^{1+\delta} \\
&\leq c'_\delta E \left| \sum_{i \leq n} \{ \|X_i\|^2 - E^{i-1}(\|X_i\|^2) \}^2 \right|^{(1+\delta)/2} \\
&\leq c''_\delta \sum_{i \leq n} E |\|X_i\|^2 - E^{i-1}(\|X_i\|^2)|^{1+\delta}
\end{aligned}$$

(by c_r -inequality, $(1+\delta)/2 \leq 1$)

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq c_\delta^3 \sum_{i \leq n} [E \|X_i\|^{2+2\delta} + E |E^{i-1}(\|X_i\|^2)|^{1+\delta}] \\
&\leq 2c_\delta^3 \sum_{i \leq n} E \|X_i\|^{2+2\delta}. \tag{4.3}
\end{aligned}$$

By [6] (see also Lemma 5) there exists constant M_p such that for $p \geq 2$

$$E \|Y\|^p \leq M_p E(\|Y\|^2)^{p/2} \leq c_p (E \|S_n\|^2)^{p/2} \leq d_p E \|S_n\|^p.$$

Hence

$$E \|Y\|^{2+2\delta} \leq c_\delta^3 (L_n + 1).$$

Substituting (4.2) in (4.1) we see that if $L_n \leq 1$,

$$\Delta(x) \leq 2cx^{-2-2\delta}(L_n + 1) \leq 4cx^{-2-2\delta} \quad \text{for } x > 0. \tag{4.4}$$

Suppose now that $L_n \leq 2^{-(3+2\delta)}$ and $L_n^{2/(3+2\delta)}(1+x^\alpha)^{1/1+\delta} > \frac{1}{2}$. Then $(1+x^\alpha)^{1/1+\delta} > 2$ and so $x^\alpha > 1$. Therefore $x^{-2-2\delta} \leq [1/2(1+x^\alpha)]^{-2(1+\delta)/\alpha} = C(1+x^\alpha)^{-2(1+\delta)/\alpha}$. Furthermore,

$$1 \leq 2^{1/2} L_n^{1/(3+2\delta)} (1+x^\alpha)^{1/2(1+\delta)}. \tag{4.5}$$

Substituting this inequality and (4.5) into (4.4) we deduce that

$$\Delta(x) \leq c L_n^{1/(3+2\delta)} (1+x^\alpha)^{1/2(1+\delta)}. \tag{4.6}$$

The best rate of convergence is obtained when α satisfies the equation

$$1/2(1 + \delta) - 2(1 + \delta)/\alpha = -1$$

giving $\alpha = 4(1 + \delta)^2/(3 + 2\delta)$.

Suppose now $1 > L_n > 2^{-(3+2\delta)}$. In this case we have, for $0 < x \leq 1$,

$$4L_n^{1/(3+2\delta)}(1+x^\alpha)^{-1} > 1 > 1P(\|S_n\| < x) - P(\|Y\| < x),$$

and for $x > 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} & 4L_n^{1/(3+2\delta)}(1+x^\alpha)^{-1} \\ & \geq x^{-2-2\delta} = (c + E\|Y\|^{2+2\delta})^{-1} \\ & \quad \times (C + E\|Y\|^{2+2\delta})x^{-2-2\delta} \quad (\text{for any } c > 0) \\ & \geq c'_\delta(E\|S_n\|^{2+2\delta} + E\|Y\|^{2+2\delta})x^{-2-2\delta} \\ & \geq c'_\delta |P(\|S_n\| \leq x) - P(\|Y\| \leq x)| \quad (\text{from (4.4)}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\Delta(x) \leq A_\delta L_n^{1/(3+2\delta)} [1 + x^{4(1+2\delta)}]^{-1} \quad \text{for } x > 0.$$

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