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Complete Convergence for Arrays of Rowwise Asymptotically Almost Negatively Associated Random Variables

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Let $\{X_{ni}, i \geq 1, n \geq 1\}$ be an array of rowwise asymptotically almost negatively associated random variables. Some sufficient conditions for complete convergence for arrays of rowwise asymptotically almost negatively associated random variables are presented without assumptions of identical distribution. As an application, the Marcinkiewicz-Zygmund type strong law of large numbers for weighted sums of asymptotically almost negatively associated random variables is obtained.

1. Introduction

The concept of complete convergence was introduced by Hsu and Robbins [1] as follows. A sequence of random variables $\{U_n, n \geq 1\}$ is said to *converge completely* to a constant C if $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(|U_n - C| > \varepsilon) < \infty$ for all $\varepsilon > 0$. In view of the Borel-Cantelli lemma, this implies that $U_n \rightarrow C$ almost surely (a.s.). The converse is true if the $\{U_n, n \geq 1\}$ are independent. Hsu and Robbins [1] proved that the sequence of arithmetic means of independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) random variables converges completely to the expected value if the variance of the summands is finite. Since then many authors studied the complete convergence for partial sums and weighted sums of random variables. The main purpose of the present investigation is to provide the complete convergence results for weighted sums of asymptotically almost negatively associated random variables and arrays of rowwise asymptotically almost negatively associated random variables.

Firstly, let us recall the definitions of negatively associated and asymptotically almost negatively associated random variables.

Definition 1.1. A finite collection of random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is said to be negatively associated (NA, in short) if for every pair of disjoint subsets A_1, A_2 of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$,

$$\text{Cov}\{f(X_i : i \in A_1), g(X_j : j \in A_2)\} \leq 0, \quad (1.1)$$

whenever f and g are coordinatewise nondecreasing such that this covariance exists. An infinite sequence $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ is NA if every finite subcollection is negatively associated.

An array of random variables $\{X_{ni}, i \geq 1, n \geq 1\}$ is called rowwise NA random variables if, for every $n \geq 1$, $\{X_{ni}, i \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of NA random variables.

The concept of negative association was introduced by Joag-Dev and Proschan [2]. By inspecting the proof of maximal inequality for the NA random variables in Matula [3], one also can allow negative correlations provided they are small. Primarily motivated by this, Chandra and Ghosal [4, 5] introduced the following dependence.

Definition 1.2. A sequence $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ of random variables is called asymptotically almost negatively associated (AANA, in short) if there exists a nonnegative sequence $q(n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ such that

$$\text{Cov}(f(X_n), g(X_{n+1}, X_{n+2}, \dots, X_{n+k})) \leq q(n) [\text{Var}(f(X_n)) \text{Var}(g(X_{n+1}, X_{n+2}, \dots, X_{n+k}))]^{1/2}, \quad (1.2)$$

for all $n, k \geq 1$ and for all coordinatewise nondecreasing continuous functions f and g whenever the variances exist.

An array of random variables $\{X_{ni}, i \geq 1, n \geq 1\}$ is called rowwise AANA random variables if, for every $n \geq 1$, $\{X_{ni}, i \geq 1\}$ is a sequence of AANA random variables.

The family of AANA sequence contains NA (in particular, independent) sequences (with $q(n) = 0, n \geq 1$) and some more sequences of random variables which are not much deviated from being negatively associated. An example of an AANA sequence which is not NA was constructed by Chandra and Ghosal [4].

Since the concept of AANA sequence was introduced by Chandra and Ghosal [4], many applications have been found. See, for example, Chandra and Ghosal [4] derived the Kolmogorov type inequality and the strong law of large numbers of Marcinkiewicz-Zygmund, Chandra and Ghosal [5] obtained the almost sure convergence of weighted averages, Ko et al. [6] studied the Hájek-Rényi type inequality, Wang et al. [7] established the law of the iterated logarithm for product sums, Yuan and An [8] established some Rosenthal type inequalities for maximum partial sums of AANA sequence, and Wang et al. [9] obtained some strong growth rate and the integrability of supremum for the partial sums of AANA random variables, and so forth.

Our goal in this paper is to study the complete convergence for arrays of rowwise AANA random variables under some moment conditions. As an application, the Marcinkiewicz-Zygmund type strong law of large numbers for weighted sums of AANA random variables is obtained. We will give some sufficient conditions for complete convergence for an array of rowwise AANA random variables without assumption of identical distribution. The results presented in this paper are obtained by using the truncated method and the classical maximal type inequality of AANA random variables (Lemma 1.5 below).

Throughout the paper, let $\{X_{ni} : i \geq 1, n \geq 1\}$ be an array of rowwise AANA random variables with the mixing coefficients $\{q(i), i \geq 1\}$ in each row. For $p > 1$, let $q \doteq p/(p-1)$ be the dual number of p . Let $I(A)$ be the indicator function of the set A . C denotes a positive constant which may be different in various places and $a_n = O(b_n)$ stands for $a_n \leq Cb_n$.

Definition 1.3. An array of random variables $\{X_{ni}, i \geq 1, n \geq 1\}$ is said to be stochastically dominated by a random variable X if there exists a positive constant C such that

$$P(|X_{ni}| > x) \leq CP(|X| > x) \quad (1.3)$$

for all $x \geq 0, i \geq 1$ and $n \geq 1$.

The following lemmas are useful for the proofs of the main results.

Lemma 1.4 (cf. Yuan and An [8, Lemma 2.1]). *Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of AANA random variables with mixing coefficients $\{q(n), n \geq 1\}$, let f_1, f_2, \dots be all nondecreasing (or all nonincreasing) functions, then $\{f_n(X_n), n \geq 1\}$ is still a sequence of AANA random variables with mixing coefficients $\{q(n), n \geq 1\}$.*

Lemma 1.5 (cf. Yuan and An [8, Theorem 2.1]). *Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of AANA random variables with $EX_i = 0$ for all $i \geq 1$ and $p \in (3 \cdot 2^{k-1}, 4 \cdot 2^{k-1}]$, where integer number $k \geq 1$. If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} q^{q/p}(n) < \infty$, then there exists a positive constant D_p depending only on p such that for all $n \geq 1$,*

$$E\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left|\sum_{i=1}^j X_i\right|^p\right) \leq D_p \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n E|X_i|^p + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n EX_i^2\right)^{p/2} \right\}. \quad (1.4)$$

Lemma 1.6. *Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of random variables which is stochastically dominated by a random variable X . For any $\alpha > 0$ and $b > 0$, the following two statements hold:*

$$E|X_n|^\alpha I(|X_n| \leq b) \leq C_1 [E|X|^\alpha I(|X| \leq b) + b^\alpha P(|X| > b)], \quad (1.5)$$

$$E|X_n|^\alpha I(|X_n| > b) \leq C_2 E|X|^\alpha I(|X| > b), \quad (1.6)$$

where C_1 and C_2 are positive constants.

2. Main Results

Let $\{X_{ni} : i \geq 1, n \geq 1\}$ be an array of rowwise AANA random variables with the mixing coefficients $\{q(i), i \geq 1\}$ in each row, and let $\{a_{ni} : i \geq 1, n \geq 1\}$ be an array of real numbers. Let $\{X_i, i \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of AANA random variables with the mixing coefficients $\{q(i), i \geq 1\}$ and let $\{a_i, i \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of real numbers. We consider the following conditions.

(H₁) There exist some δ with $0 < \delta < 1$ and some α with $0 < \alpha < 2$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}|^\alpha = O(n^\delta)$, and assume further that $EX_{ni} = 0$ if $1 < \alpha < 2$.

(H₂) There exists some $p \in (3 \cdot 2^{k-1}, 4 \cdot 2^{k-1}]$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} q^{q/p}(i) < \infty$, where integer number $k \geq 1$.

(H₃) For some $h > 0$ and $\gamma > 0$,

$$E \exp(h|X|^\gamma) < \infty. \quad (2.1)$$

(H₄) There exist some δ with $0 < \delta < 1$ and some α with $0 < \alpha < 2$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^\alpha = O(n^\delta)$, and assume further that $EX_n = 0$ if $1 < \alpha < 2$.

(H₅) There exists some α with $0 < \alpha < 2$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}|^\alpha = O(n)$ and assume further that $EX_{ni} = 0$ if $1 < \alpha < 2$.

(H₆) There exists some α with $0 < \alpha < 2$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^n |a_i|^\alpha = O(n)$ and assume further that $EX_n = 0$ if $1 < \alpha < 2$.

Our main results are as follows.

Theorem 2.1. *Let $\{X_{ni} : i \geq 1, n \geq 1\}$ be an array of rowwise AANA random variables which is stochastically dominated by a random variable X , and let $\{a_{ni} : i \geq 1, n \geq 1\}$ be an array of real numbers. Suppose that the conditions (H₁)–(H₃) are satisfied. Then, for any $\varepsilon > 0$,*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^j a_{ni} X_{ni} \right| > \varepsilon b_n\right) < \infty, \quad (2.2)$$

where $s \geq 1/\alpha$ and $b_n \doteq n^{1/\alpha} \log^{1/\gamma} n$.

Proof. For fixed $n \geq 1$, define

$$\begin{aligned} X_i^{(n)} &= -b_n I(X_{ni} < -b_n) + X_{ni} I(|X_{ni}| \leq b_n) + b_n I(X_{ni} > b_n), \quad i \geq 1, \\ T_j^{(n)} &= \sum_{i=1}^j a_{ni} (X_i^{(n)} - EX_i^{(n)}), \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, n. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

It is easy to check that for any $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^j a_{ni} X_{ni} \right| > \varepsilon b_n\right) \subset \left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |X_{ni}| > b_n\right) \cup \left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^j a_{ni} X_i^{(n)} \right| > \varepsilon b_n\right), \quad (2.4)$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} &P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^j a_{ni} X_{ni} \right| > \varepsilon b_n\right) \\ &\leq P\left(\max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |X_{ni}| > b_n\right) + P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^j a_{ni} X_i^{(n)} \right| > \varepsilon b_n\right) \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(|X_{ni}| > b_n) + P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left| T_j^{(n)} \right| > \varepsilon b_n - \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^j a_{ni} EX_i^{(n)} \right|\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

Firstly, we will show that

$$b_n^{-1} \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^j a_{ni} EX_i^{(n)} \right| \longrightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \longrightarrow \infty. \quad (2.6)$$

By $\sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}|^\alpha = O(n^\delta)$ and Hölder's inequality, we have for $1 \leq k < \alpha$ that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}|^k \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (|a_{ni}|^k)^{\alpha/k} \right)^{k/\alpha} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n 1 \right)^{(\alpha-k)/\alpha} \leq Cn. \quad (2.7)$$

Hence, when $1 < \alpha < 2$, we have by $EX_{ni} = 0$, (1.6) of Lemma 1.6, (2.7) (taking $k = 1$), Markov's inequality, and (2.1) that

$$\begin{aligned} b_n^{-1} \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^j a_{ni} EX_i^{(n)} \right| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}| P(|X_{ni}| > b_n) + b_n^{-1} \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^j a_{ni} EX_{ni} I(|X_{ni}| > b_n) \right| \\ &\leq C \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}| P(|X| > b_n) + b_n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}| E|X_{ni}| I(|X_{ni}| > b_n) \\ &\leq Cn \frac{E \exp(h|X|^\gamma)}{\exp(hb_n^\gamma)} + Cb_n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}| E|X| I(|X| > b_n) \\ &\leq \frac{Cn}{n^{hn^\gamma/\alpha}} + Cb_n^{-1} n E|X| I(|X| > b_n) \\ &= \frac{Cn}{n^{hn^\gamma/\alpha}} + Cb_n^{-1} n \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} E|X| I(b_k < |X| \leq b_{k+1}) \\ &\leq \frac{Cn}{n^{hn^\gamma/\alpha}} + Cb_n^{-1} n \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} b_{k+1} P(|X| > b_k) \\ &\leq \frac{Cn}{n^{hn^\gamma/\alpha}} + Cb_n^{-1} n \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} b_{k+1} \frac{E \exp(h|X|^\gamma)}{\exp(hb_k^\gamma)} \\ &\leq \frac{Cn}{n^{hn^\gamma/\alpha}} + Cb_n^{-1} n \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} (k+1)^{1/\alpha} (\log(k+1))^{1/\gamma} k^{-hk^\gamma/\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{Cn}{n^{hn^\gamma/\alpha}} + Cb_n^{-1} n \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} (k+1)^{1/\alpha+1} (\log(k+1))^{1/\gamma} k^{-hk^\gamma/\alpha} \\ &\leq \frac{Cn}{n^{hn^\gamma/\alpha}} + Cn^{-1/\alpha} (\log n)^{-1/\gamma} \longrightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \longrightarrow \infty. \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

Elementary Jensen's inequality implies that for any $0 < s < t$,

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}|^t \right)^{1/t} \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}|^s \right)^{1/s}. \quad (2.9)$$

Therefore, when $0 < \alpha \leq 1$, we have by (1.5) of Lemma 1.6, (2.9), Markov's inequality, and (2.1) that

$$\begin{aligned}
b_n^{-1} \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^j a_{ni} EX_i^{(n)} \right| &\leq \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}| P(|X_{ni}| > b_n) + b_n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}| E|X_{ni}| I(|X_{ni}| \leq b_n) \\
&\leq C \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}| P(|X| > b_n) \\
&\quad + C b_n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}| (E|X| I(|X| \leq b_n) + b_n P(|X| > b_n)) \\
&\leq C b_n^{-1} n^{\delta/\alpha} E|X| I(|X| \leq b_n) + C n^{\delta/\alpha} P(|X| > b_n) \\
&\leq C b_n^{-1} n^{\delta/\alpha} \sum_{k=2}^n E|X| I(b_{k-1} < |X| \leq b_k) + \frac{C n^{\delta/\alpha} E \exp(h|X|^\gamma)}{\exp(hb_n^\gamma)} \\
&\leq C b_n^{-1} n^{\delta/\alpha} \sum_{k=2}^n b_k P(|X| > b_{k-1}) + \frac{C n^{\delta/\alpha}}{n^{h n^{\gamma/\alpha}}} \\
&\leq C b_n^{-1} n^{\delta/\alpha} \sum_{k=2}^n b_k \frac{E \exp(h|X|^\gamma)}{\exp(hb_{k-1}^\gamma)} + \frac{C n^{\delta/\alpha}}{n^{h n^{\gamma/\alpha}}} \\
&\leq C b_n^{-1} n^{\delta/\alpha} \sum_{k=2}^n k^{1/\alpha} (\log k)^{1/\gamma} (k-1)^{-h(k-1)^{\gamma/\alpha}} + \frac{C n^{\delta/\alpha}}{n^{h n^{\gamma/\alpha}}} \\
&\leq C n^{-1/\alpha} (\log n)^{-1/\gamma} n^{\delta/\alpha} + \frac{C n^{\delta/\alpha}}{n^{h n^{\gamma/\alpha}}} \\
&= C (\log n)^{-1/\gamma} n^{\delta/\alpha - 1/\alpha} + \frac{C n^{\delta/\alpha}}{n^{h n^{\gamma/\alpha}}} \rightarrow 0, \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.10}$$

By (2.8) and (2.10), we can get (2.6) immediately. Hence, for n large enough,

$$P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^j a_{ni} X_{ni} \right| > \varepsilon b_n\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(|X_{ni}| > b_n) + P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |T_j^{(n)}| > \frac{\varepsilon}{2} b_n\right). \tag{2.11}$$

To prove (2.2), we only need to show that

$$\begin{aligned}
I &\doteq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} \sum_{i=1}^n P(|X_{ni}| > b_n) < \infty, \\
J &\doteq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |T_j^{(n)}| > \frac{\varepsilon}{2} b_n\right) < \infty.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.12}$$

By Definition 1.3, Markov's inequality and (2.1), we can see that

$$\begin{aligned}
I &\doteq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} \sum_{i=1}^n P(|X_{ni}| > b_n) \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} \sum_{i=1}^n P(|X| > b_n) \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-1} \frac{E \exp(h|X|^\gamma)}{\exp(hb_n^\gamma)} \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^{s\alpha-1}}{n^{hn^\gamma/\alpha}} < \infty.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

For fixed $n \geq 1$, it is easily seen that $\{X_i^{(n)}, 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ are still AANA random variables by Lemma 1.4. For $r > 2$, it follows from Lemma 1.5, C_r 's inequality, and Jensen's inequality that

$$\begin{aligned}
J &\doteq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |T_j^{(n)}| > \frac{\varepsilon}{2} b_n\right) \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} b_n^{-r} E\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |T_j^{(n)}|^r\right) \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} b_n^{-r} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}|^r E|X_i^{(n)} - EX_i^{(n)}|^r + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}|^2 E|X_i^{(n)} - EX_i^{(n)}|^2 \right)^{r/2} \right] \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} b_n^{-r} \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}|^r E|X_i^{(n)}|^r + C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} b_n^{-r} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}|^2 E|X_i^{(n)}|^2 \right)^{r/2} \\
&\doteq J_1 + J_2.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.14}$$

Taking $r > \max\{2, \alpha(s\alpha - 1)/(1 - \delta)\}$, which implies that $r > \alpha$. It follows from C_r 's inequality, (1.5) of Lemma 1.6, (2.9), Markov's inequality, and (2.1) that

$$\begin{aligned}
J_1 &\doteq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} b_n^{-r} \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}|^r E|X_i^{(n)}|^r \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} b_n^{-r} \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}|^r [E|X_{ni}|^r I(|X_{ni}| \leq b_n) + b_n^r P(|X_{ni}| > b_n)] \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} b_n^{-r} \sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}|^r [E|X|^r I(|X| \leq b_n) + b_n^r P(|X| > b_n)] \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2+(r\delta/\alpha)} b_n^{-r} E|X|^r I(|X| \leq b_n) + C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2+(r\delta/\alpha)} P(|X| > b_n) \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2+(r\delta/\alpha)} b_n^{-r} \sum_{k=2}^n E|X|^\gamma I(b_{k-1} < |X| \leq b_k) + C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2+r\delta/\alpha} \frac{E \exp(h|X|^\gamma)}{\exp(hb_n^\gamma)} \\
&\leq C \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2+(r\delta/\alpha)} n^{-r/\alpha} (\log n)^{-r/\gamma} b_k^r P(|X| > b_{k-1}) + C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^{s\alpha-2+(r\delta/\alpha)}}{n^{hn^\gamma/\alpha}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq C \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} b_k^r \frac{E \exp(h|X|^{\gamma})}{\exp(hb_{k-1}^{\gamma})} + C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^{s\alpha-2+(r\delta/\alpha)}}{n^{hn^{\gamma/\alpha}}} \\
&\leq C \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{k^{r/\alpha} (\log k)^{r/\gamma}}{(k-1)^{h(k-1)^{\gamma/\alpha}}} + C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n^{s\alpha-2+(r\delta/\alpha)}}{n^{hn^{\gamma/\alpha}}} < \infty.
\end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

By C_r 's inequality, (1.5) of Lemma 1.6, (2.9), and Jensen's inequality, we can get that

$$\begin{aligned}
J_2 &\doteq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} b_n^{-r} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}|^2 E |X_i^{(n)}|^2 \right)^{r/2} \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} b_n^{-r} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}|^2 \left[E |X_{ni}|^2 I(|X_{ni}| \leq b_n) + b_n^2 P(|X_{ni}| > b_n) \right] \right)^{r/2} \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} b_n^{-r} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n |a_{ni}|^2 \left[EX^2 I(|X| \leq b_n) + b_n^2 P(|X| > b_n) \right] \right]^{r/2} \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2+(r\delta/\alpha)} b_n^{-r} \left[EX^2 I(|X| \leq b_n) + b_n^2 P(|X| > b_n) \right]^{r/2} \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2+(r\delta/\alpha)} b_n^{-r} \left[EX^2 I(|X| \leq b_n) \right]^{r/2} + C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2+(r\delta/\alpha)} \left[P(|X| > b_n) \right]^{r/2} \\
&\leq C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2+(r\delta/\alpha)} b_n^{-r} E |X|^r I(|X| \leq b_n) + C \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2+(r\delta/\alpha)} P(|X| > b_n) \\
&< \infty \quad (\text{see the proof of (2.15)}).
\end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

Therefore, the desired result (2.2) follows from (2.13)–(2.16) immediately. This completes the proof of the theorem. \square

Similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1, we can get the following result for sequences of AANA random variables.

Theorem 2.2. *Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of AANA random variables which is stochastically dominated by a random variable X , and let $\{a_{ni}, i \geq 1, n \geq 1\}$ be an array of real numbers. Suppose that the conditions (H_1) – (H_3) are satisfied ($EX_{ni} = 0$ is replaced by $EX_n = 0$ in H_1). Then, for any $\varepsilon > 0$,*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} P \left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^j a_{ni} X_i \right| > \varepsilon b_n \right) < \infty, \tag{2.17}$$

where $s \geq 1/\alpha$ and $b_n \doteq n^{1/\alpha} \log^{1/\gamma} n$.

The following result provides the Marcinkiewicz-Zygmund type strong law of large numbers for weighted sums $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i$ of AANA sequence of random variables.

Theorem 2.3. Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of AANA random variables which is stochastically dominated by a random variable X and $\{a_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of real numbers. Suppose that the conditions (H_2) – (H_4) are satisfied. Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{s\alpha-2} P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |S_j| > \varepsilon b_n\right) < \infty, \quad (2.18)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S_n}{b_n} = 0 \quad a.s., \quad (2.19)$$

where $s \geq 1/\alpha$, $b_n \doteq n^{1/\alpha} \log^{1/\gamma} n$ and $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i$ for $n \geq 1$.

Proof. Similar to the proof of Theorem 2.1, we can get (2.18) immediately, which yields that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-1} P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |S_j| > \varepsilon b_n\right) < \infty. \quad (2.20)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \infty > \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-1} P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |S_j| > \varepsilon b_n\right) \\ & = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=2^i}^{2^{i+1}-1} n^{-1} P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |S_j| > \varepsilon n^{1/\alpha} (\log n)^{1/\gamma}\right) \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq 2^i} |S_j| > \varepsilon 2^{(i+1)/\alpha} (\log 2^{i+1})^{1/\gamma}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.21)$$

By Borel-Cantelli lemma, we obtain that

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\max_{1 \leq j \leq 2^i} |S_j|}{2^{(i+1)/\alpha} (\log 2^{i+1})^{1/\gamma}} = 0 \quad a.s. \quad (2.22)$$

For all positive integers n , there exists a positive integer i_0 such that $2^{i_0-1} \leq n < 2^{i_0}$. We have by (2.22) that

$$\frac{|S_n|}{b_n} \leq \max_{2^{i_0-1} \leq n < 2^{i_0}} \frac{|S_n|}{b_n} \leq \frac{2^{2/\alpha} \max_{1 \leq j \leq 2^{i_0}} |S_j|}{2^{(i_0+1)/\alpha} (\log 2^{i_0+1})^{1/\gamma}} \left(\frac{i_0+1}{i_0-1}\right)^{1/\gamma} \rightarrow 0 \quad a.s., \text{ as } i_0 \rightarrow \infty, \quad (2.23)$$

which implies (2.19). This completes the proof of the theorem. \square

Remark 2.4. In Theorems 2.1–2.3, the condition (H_1) or (H_4) is needed. Under the weaker condition $((H_5)$ or $(H_6))$ than $((H_1)$ or $(H_4))$, we can get the following Theorems 2.5–2.7. The details of their proofs are omitted.

Theorem 2.5. Let $\{X_{ni} : i \geq 1, n \geq 1\}$ be an array of rowwise AANA random variables which is stochastically dominated by a random variable X , and let $\{a_{ni} : i \geq 1, n \geq 1\}$ be an array of real numbers. Suppose that the conditions (H_2) , (H_3) , and (H_5) are satisfied. Then, for any $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-1} P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^j a_{ni} X_{ni} \right| > \varepsilon b_n\right) < \infty, \quad (2.24)$$

where $b_n \doteq n^{1/\alpha} \log^{1/\gamma} n$.

Theorem 2.6. Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of AANA random variables which is stochastically dominated by a random variable X , and let $\{a_{ni}, i \geq 1, n \geq 1\}$ be an array of real numbers. Suppose that the conditions (H_2) , (H_3) and (H_5) are satisfied ($EX_{ni} = 0$ is replaced by $EX_n = 0$ in (H_5)). Then, for any $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-1} P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^j a_{ni} X_i \right| > \varepsilon b_n\right) < \infty, \quad (2.25)$$

where $b_n \doteq n^{1/\alpha} \log^{1/\gamma} n$.

Theorem 2.7. Let $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of AANA random variables which is stochastically dominated by a random variable X , and let $\{a_n, n \geq 1\}$ be a sequence of real numbers. Suppose that the conditions (H_2) , (H_3) , and (H_6) are satisfied. Then, for any $\varepsilon > 0$,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-1} P\left(\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |S_j| > \varepsilon b_n\right) < \infty, \quad (2.26)$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S_n}{b_n} = 0 \quad a.s.,$$

where $b_n \doteq n^{1/\alpha} \log^{1/\gamma} n$ and $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i$ for $n \geq 1$.

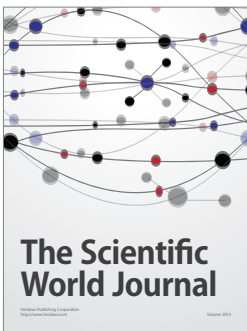
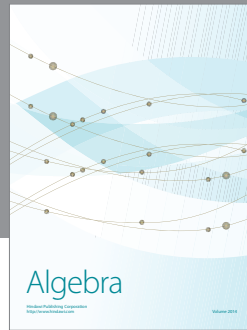
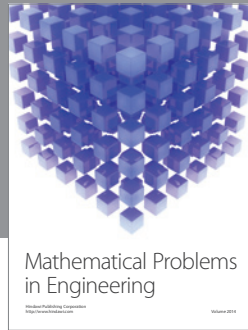
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