On deviation and moment inequalities for dependent sequences and applications to intermittent maps

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• Note that in the iid case and if $\mathbf{P}(|X_1 - \mathbf{E}(X_1)| \ge nx) \sim \frac{c}{(nx)^p}$, then $\liminf_{n\to\infty} n^{p-1} \mathbf{P}\Big(\max_{1\le k\le n} |\sum_{i=1}^k (X_i - \mathbf{E}(X_i))| \ge nx\Big) > 0.$

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• Hence, taking r > p, the Rosenthal inequality follows:

$$\mathsf{E}(\max_{1\leq i\leq n}|S_k|^p)\ll v_n^p+n\mathsf{E}(|X|^p)$$

• Let p > 2. Still in the identically distributed case, assume now that the r.v.'s have a weak moment of order p:

$$\sup_{t>0} t^p \mathbb{P}(|X|>t) < \infty.$$

This condition is equivalent to:

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• Let $N_n = \sup\{i \in \mathbb{N} : T_i \leq n\}$. Write

$$S_n(f) = \sum_{k=0}^{T_{N_n}-1} X_k + \sum_{k=T_{N_n}}^{n-1} X_k = T_0 X_0 + \sum_{k=0}^{N_n-1} \tau_k X_{T_k} + \sum_{k=T_{N_n}}^{n-1} X_k$$

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Setting $c = 3/(2\mathbf{E}(\tau_1))$, we have

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{P}\big(\big|\sum_{k=0}^{N_n-1}\tau_k X_{T_k}\big| \ge nx\big) \le \mathbb{P}\big(N_n > [cn]+1\big) + \mathbb{P}\big(\max_{0\le \ell\le [cn]}\big|\sum_{k=0}^{\ell}\tau_k X_{T_k}\big| \ge nx \\ &= \mathbb{P}\big(T_{[cn]+1}\le n\big) + \mathbb{P}\big(\max_{0\le \ell\le [cn]}\big|\sum_{k=0}^{\ell}\tau_k X_{T_k}\big| \ge nx\big) \\ &\le \mathbb{P}\big(\sum_{k=0}^{[cn]}(\tau_k - \mathbf{E}(\tau_k)) \le -n/2\big) + \mathbb{P}\big(\max_{0\le \ell\le [cn]}\big|\sum_{k=0}^{\ell}\tau_k X_{T_k}\big| \ge nx\big) \end{split}$$

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We have

$$\mathbb{P}(\tau_k > \ell) = (a+1) \int_0^1 y^a (1-y)^\ell dy \ll \ell^{-(a+1)} = \ell^{-p}$$

So, using the Fuk-Nagaev inequality, we get that, for any r > 0,

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\sum_{k=0}^{N_{p}-1}\tau_{k}X_{T_{k}}\right| \geq nx\right) \ll \frac{1}{x^{r}n^{r/2}} + \frac{1}{x^{p}n^{p-1}} + \frac{1}{n^{p-1}}$$

• In addition
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Moreover

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\sum_{k=\mathcal{T}_{N_n}}^{n-1} X_k\right| \ge nx\right) \le \mathbb{P}\left(2\|f\|_{\infty}\tau_{N_n} \ge nx\right)$$
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• For this example,

$$\beta(n) := \pi \Big(\sup_{\|f\|_{\infty} \le 1} |K^n(f) - \pi(f)| \Big) \ll n^{-a} = \frac{1}{n^{p-1}},$$

(see Doukhan, Massart and Rio (1994)) and the inequality can be deduced from a more general inequality due to Rio (2000) for α -mixing sequences.

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since, taking r = p + 1,

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- Rio's inequality is proved by using truncature, blocking arguments and coupling. In the mixing coefficients, all the past and all the future of the sequence are needed. The mixing coefficients can be replaced by coefficients allowing coupling in L¹ (see Dedecker and Prieur (2005)).

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Intermittent Maps and their associated Markov chains

Example Let us consider a LSV map (Liverani, Saussol et Vaienti, 1999):

for
$$0 < \gamma < 1$$
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Graph of T_{γ}

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(See Dedecker, Gouëzel, Merlevède (2010) where GPM maps have been considered).

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A deviation inequality for α -dependent sequences: the statement

Theorem (Dedecker & M. (2016)). For any x > 0, r > 2, $\beta \in]r - 2$, r[the following deviation bound holds

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A Rosenthal for stationary sequences

Theorem (M. & Peligrad (2013)). Let p > 2 and let $(X_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$ be a strictly stationary sequence of r.v.'s in \mathbf{L}^p and adapted to a stationary filtration $(\mathcal{F}_i)_{i \in \mathbb{Z}}$. Then for any $n \ge 1$,

$$\| \max_{1 \le j \le n} |S_j| \|_{p} \ll n^{1/p} \Big(\|X_1\|_{p} + \sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k^{1+1/p}} \|\mathbb{E}_{0}(S_k)\|_{p} \\ + \Big(\sum_{k=1}^{n} \frac{1}{k^{1+2\delta/p}} \|\mathbb{E}_{0}(S_k^2)\|_{p/2}^{\delta} \Big)^{1/(2\delta)} \Big),$$

where $\delta = \min(1, 1/(p-2))$ and $\mathbb{E}_0(X) = \mathbb{E}(X|\mathcal{F}_0)$.

Remark If there exists $\beta > 2/p$ such that $n^{-\beta}\mathbb{E}(S_n^2)$ is increasing,

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Application 1: a Rosenthal-type inequality

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and applying the deviation inequality with

$$r-2 < \beta < 2p-2 < r < 2p$$

we get the following Rosenthal-type inequality

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where $S_k(f) = \sum_{i=1}^k (f \circ T^i - \nu(f)).$

 For any k ≥ 1, there exist two positive constants C and D such that, for any n > 0,

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This upper bound (with $S_n(f)$ instead of the maximum) was obtained by Melbourne (2009) when f is Hölder continuous who also proved that it is optimal.

Thank you for your attention!