

Remarks on Limit Theorems for Nonlinear Functionals of Gaussian Sequences

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Summary. Limit theorems for sums of nonlinear functionals of Gaussian sequences typically obtain as limit distribution that of a single term in an expansion given by Dobrushin [1] for a process subordinate to a Gaussian process. Here we show how one can obtain limit theorems of this type where the limit distribution is that of a full expansion of Dobrushin's type.

Introduction

Let $\{\xi_n\}$, $n = \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots$ be a strictly stationary sequence. In dealing with limit laws one often defines the new sequences

$$S_n^N = A_N^{-1} \sum_{j \in B_n^N} \xi_j, \quad N = 1, 2, \dots,$$

where

$$B_n^N = \{j | nN \leq j < (n+1)N\}$$

and A_N is an appropriate norming constant. In investigating possible limit laws one is led to sequences $\{\xi_n\}$ with the following property. The joint distribution of

$$\xi_{n_1}, \dots, \xi_{n_k}$$

is the same as that of

$$S_{n_1}^N, \dots, S_{n_k}^N$$

for all $N = 1, 2, \dots$ and integers n_1, \dots, n_k with $A_N = N^\alpha$ for some parameter $\alpha > 0$. The parameter α is called the self-similarity parameter for the sequence $\{\xi_n\}$ and the sequence itself is referred to as a self-similar process.

Dobrushin has characterized the self-similar processes subordinate to a Gaussian random spectral measure Z_G with spectral distribution G . For Borel

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sets A with $G(A) < \infty$, the random variables $Z_G(A)$ have the following properties:

- (i) The random variables $Z_G(A)$ are jointly Gaussian complex-valued.
- (ii) $EZ_G(A) = 0$,
 $EZ_G(A)\overline{Z_G(B)} = G(A \cap B)$.
- (iii) $\sum_{j=1}^n Z_G(A_j) = Z_G\left(\bigcup_{j=1}^n A_j\right)$ if the sets A_1, \dots, A_n are disjoint.
- (iv) $Z_G(A) = \overline{Z_G(-A)}$.

Dobrushin [1] has shown that if $\{\xi_n\}$ has the form

$$\xi_j = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int \exp\left\{ij \sum_{s=1}^n x_s\right\} \frac{\exp\left\{i \sum_{s=1}^n x_s\right\} - 1}{i \left(\sum_{s=1}^n x_s\right)} \quad (1)$$

with

$$f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n) Z_G(dx_1) \dots Z_G(dx_n)$$

$$f_n(\lambda x_1, \dots, \lambda x_n) = \lambda^{1 - \frac{n\alpha}{2} - \beta} f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

and

$$G(\lambda A) = \lambda^\alpha G(A),$$

then $\{\xi_n\}$ is a self-similar process with self-similarity parameter β . The integrals in the representation (1) are multiple Wiener-Ito integrals. One has to check whether the formula (1) is meaningful for a sequence f_n in the sense that the variance of (1) is finite. If we assume that the functions f_n are symmetric functions of the variables x_1, \dots, x_n the variance of (1) is given by

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int |f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n)|^2 K\left(\sum_{s=1}^n x_s\right) G(dx_1) \dots G(dx_n)$$

where K is the Fejer kernel

$$\mathbf{K}(\mu) = \frac{\sin^2 \frac{\mu}{2}}{\left(\frac{\mu}{2}\right)^2}.$$

The usual non Gaussian limit theorems for partial sums of nonlinear functionals of Gaussian sequences (see Dobrushin and Major [2]; Giraitis and Surgailis [5]; Major [3, 4], Taqqu [8, 9], and Rosenblatt [6, 7]) correspond to a single term in the expansion (1). In this paper, we will show that there are limit theorems in which the limiting distribution corresponds to a complete expansion of the type (1).

Let X_n , $n = \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots$, $EX_n = 0$, $EX_n^2 = 1$, be a Gaussian stationary process with correlation function $r(n) = EX_0 X_n$ satisfying

$$r(n) \cong |n|^{-\alpha}, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1, \quad (2)$$

as $|n| \rightarrow \infty$. Let H be the spectral distribution function corresponding to (2) so that

$$r(n) = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{in x} H(dx).$$

The random spectral measure of the process $\{X_n\}$ is Z_H . Let us consider the process $\{Y_n\}$ subordinate to $\{X_n\}$ given by

$$Y_n = \sum_{k > k_0} \frac{c_k}{k!} \int \exp[in(x_1 + \dots + x_k)] |x_1|^{\gamma_k} \dots |x_k|^{\gamma_k} Z_H(dx_1) \dots Z_H(dx_k) \quad (3)$$

with

$$\gamma_k = \frac{1}{k} - \frac{\alpha}{2} - \frac{\beta}{k}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots$$

and k_0 the greatest integer less than or equal to $2(1 - \beta)/\alpha$.

For the representation (3) to make sense we require that

$$\sum_{k > k_0} \frac{|c_k|^2}{k!} \int |x_1|^{2\gamma_k} \dots |x_k|^{2\gamma_k} H(dx_1) \dots H(dx_k) < \infty \quad (4)$$

since it is the variance of (3). This requires at the very least that for any index k for which $c_k \neq 0$ that

$$a_k = \int |x|^{2\gamma_k} H(dx) < \infty.$$

This will be finite if one has $1 > \beta$. Let us assume that $2\gamma_k + \alpha = 2(1 - \beta)/k < 1/k$ so that

$$U_n^{(k)} = \int e^{in(x_1 + \dots + x_k)} \frac{e^{i(x_1 + \dots + x_k)} - 1}{i(x_1 + \dots + x_k)} |x_1|^{\gamma_k} \dots |x_k|^{\gamma_k} |x_1|^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2}} \dots |x_k|^{\frac{\alpha-1}{2}} W(dx_1) \dots W(dx_k) D^{-k/2}$$

is well-defined where W is the random spectral measure of the white-noise process and $D = 2\Gamma(\alpha) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\alpha\right)$. This will happen if

$$\beta > \frac{1}{2}.$$

Notice that

$$V_n = \sum_{k > k_0} \frac{c_k}{k!} U_n^{(k)} \quad (5)$$

is well-defined if $1 > \beta > \frac{1}{2}$ and

$$\sum_{k > k_0} \frac{|c_k|^2}{k!} \int \frac{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_1^k x_j \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_1^k x_j \right)^2} |x_1|^{2\gamma_k + \alpha - 1} \dots |x_k|^{2\gamma_k + \alpha - 1} dx_1 \dots dx_k D^{-k}$$

$< \infty$.

Notice that if (2) is satisfied, there is a constant

$$B > 2\Gamma(\alpha) \quad (6)$$

such that

$$|\int e^{ipx} H(dx)| < B(1+|p|)^{-\alpha}$$

for all integral p . Let

$$A = 4B \left\{ \Gamma(\alpha) \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \alpha \right) \right\}^{-1}.$$

We wish to show that under appropriate conditions, the partial sums of the process $\{Y_n\}$ given by (3) will converge in distribution to the process $\{V_n\}$ given by (5). More specifically, our object is to prove the following theorem.

Theorem. *Let $\{X_n\}$ be a stationary Gaussian process with mean zero and covariance function $r(n)$ satisfying (2). If $\{Y_n\}$ is the process (3) subordinate to $\{X_n\}$ and satisfies*

$$\sum_{k > k_0} \frac{|c_k|^2}{k!} A^k \Gamma \left(\frac{2}{k} (1-\beta) \right)^k < \infty \quad (7)$$

(see (8)) then the partial sums

$$N^{-\beta} \sum_{j \in B_N^n} Y_j, \quad n=1, \dots, p,$$

converge in distribution to that of the random variables

$$V_n, \quad n=1, \dots, p,$$

if $1 > \beta > \frac{1}{2}$. If $2(1-\beta)/\alpha < 1$ or if

$$H(dx) = \left(\frac{c}{|x|^{1-\alpha}} + f(x) \right) dx, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1,$$

with the constant $c = D^{-1}$ and f a function of bounded variation, the sum in (3), (5), and (7) can be taken from 1 to ∞ .

The following simple lemma is helpful in the derivation.

Lemma. *Under condition (2) and $\gamma_k < 0$,*

$$|\int e^{ipx} |x|^{2\gamma_k} H(dx)| < B \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(1-\alpha)}{\Gamma \left(1 - \frac{2}{k} (1-\beta) \right)} + \frac{\Gamma \left(\frac{2}{k} (1-\beta) \right)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \left(1 + \frac{\sin \pi \left(\alpha - \frac{2}{k} (1-\beta) \right)}{\sin \pi \alpha} \right) \right\} \left\{ \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \eta \right) \right\}^{-1} (1+|p|)^{-2\gamma_k-\alpha}. \quad (8)$$

In estimating (8) let us note that for k sufficiently large $2\gamma_k = -\eta$ is negative. It is clearly of some interest to look at the Fourier coefficients of $|x|^{-\eta}$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{inx} |x|^{-\eta} dx &= \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos nx |x|^{-\eta} dx \\ &= \int_{-\pi/2n}^{\pi/2n} \cos nx \left\{ \sum_{k=-n+1}^{n-1} (-1)^k \left| x + \frac{k\pi}{n} \right|^{-\eta} \right\} dx \\ &\quad + (-1)^n \left[\int_{\pi-\frac{\pi}{2n}}^{\pi} + \int_{-\pi}^{-\pi+\frac{\pi}{2n}} \right] \cos nx |x|^{-\eta} dx. \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

For $n=0$ we have

$$2 \int_0^{\pi} x^{-\eta} dx = \frac{2}{1-\eta} \pi^{1-\eta}.$$

For $n \neq 0$, the first part of the expression on the right of (9) is

$$\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos x \left\{ \sum_{k=-n+1}^{n-1} (-1)^k |x+k\pi|^{-\eta} \right\} dx n^{n-1}$$

and for large n this can be approximated by

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \cos x \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^k |x+k\pi|^{-\eta} dx n^{n-1} \\ = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos x |x|^{-\eta} dx n^{n-1} = 2\Gamma(1-\eta) \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}(1-\eta)\right) n^{n-1}. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

If k is small and $2\gamma_k$ is positive a_k is automatically finite. If $2\gamma_k$ is negative we can still show that

$$\int |x|^{-\eta} H(dx) < \infty.$$

Let

$$g_m(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi m} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{\sin^2 \frac{m}{2}(x-y)}{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2}(x-y)} |y|^{-\eta} dy,$$

the Cesaro one sum of the truncated Fourier series of $|x|^{-\eta}$. Let the c_k 's be the Fourier coefficients of $|x|^{-\eta}$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g_m(x) dH(x) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{|k| \leq m} c_k \left(1 - \frac{|k|}{m}\right) r_{-k} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_k |c_k| |r_{-k}|. \end{aligned}$$

Further $g_m(x) \geq 0$ for all x and

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} g_m(x) = |x|^{-\eta}$$

for all $x, 0 < |x| \leq \pi$. Therefore by Fatou's lemma

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |x|^{-\eta} dH(x) &\leq \liminf_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} g_m(x) dH(x) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum |c_k| |r_{-k}| \end{aligned}$$

and this last expression is finite by virtue of (2) and (10) since

$$\eta - 1 - \alpha = -\frac{2}{k}(1 - \beta) - 1.$$

We shall now show that

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ipx} |x|^{-\eta} H(dx) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_j c_j r_{p-j}. \quad (11)$$

Let us consider

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} e^{ipx} g_m(x) dH(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{|k| \leq m} c_k \left(1 - \frac{|k|}{m}\right) r_{p-k}. \quad (12)$$

The equality (11) will follow from (12) on applying the Lebesgue convergence theorem with $m \rightarrow \infty$, if we can show that

$$g_m(x) \leq K_1 + K_2 \left(\frac{1}{m^2} + x^2\right)^{-\eta/2} \quad (13)$$

for some constants $K_1, K_2 > 0$. First it is clear that for appropriate constants $L_1, L_2 > 0$ one has

$$\frac{1}{2\pi m} \frac{\sin^2 \frac{m}{2} u}{\sin^2 \frac{1}{2} u} \leq L_1 + L_2 \frac{m}{\pi} \frac{1}{1 + m^2 u^2}$$

for $|u| \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Now

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{m}{\pi} \frac{1}{1 + m^2(x-y)^2} |y|^{-\eta} dy = L_3 \operatorname{Re} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\lambda|^{\eta-1} e^{-\frac{|\lambda|}{m}} e^{iy\lambda} d\lambda$$

for an appropriate constant $L_3 > 0$. But

$$\operatorname{Re} \int_0^{\infty} \lambda^{\eta-1} e^{-\lambda \left(\frac{1}{m} - iy\right)} d\lambda = \operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{1}{m} - iy\right)^{-\eta} \Gamma(\eta)$$

and

$$\operatorname{Re} \left(\frac{1}{m} - iy\right)^{-\eta} = \cos \eta \theta \cdot \left(\frac{1}{m^2} + y^2\right)^{-\eta/2}$$

with

$$\theta = \arccos \left(\frac{1}{m} \sqrt{\{m^{-2} + y^2\}^{\frac{1}{2}}} \right).$$

This gives us the inequality (13) and consequently the relation (11). From (6) and (10) it follows that

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_j |c_j r_{p-j}| \leq \frac{B}{\pi} \Gamma(1-\eta) \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} (1-\eta) \right) \sum_j (1+|j|)^{\eta-1} (1+|p-j|)^{-\alpha}. \quad (14)$$

The sum on the right side of inequality (14) can be partitioned into three parts

$$\left(\sum_{j=0}^p + \sum_{j<0} + \sum_{j>p} \right) (1+|j|)^{\eta-1} (1+|p-j|)^{-\alpha} = S_1 + S_2 + S_3.$$

An estimate for S_1 is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{j=0}^p |j/p|^{\eta-1} \left| \frac{p-j}{p} \right|^{-\alpha} |p|^{\eta-1-\alpha} \\ & \cong \int_0^1 u^{\eta-1} (1-u)^{-\alpha} du |p|^{\eta-\alpha} \\ & \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\eta)\Gamma(1-\alpha)}{\Gamma(\eta+1-\alpha)} |p|^{\eta-\alpha}. \end{aligned}$$

if $p \neq 0$. A corresponding estimate for S_2 is

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^0 |u|^{\eta-1} |1-u|^{-\alpha} du |p|^{\eta-\alpha} \\ & = \int_0^1 |1-v|^{\eta-1} |v|^{1-\eta} |v|^\alpha |v|^{-2} dv |p|^{\eta-\alpha} \\ & = \int_0^1 |1-v|^{\eta-1} |v|^{\alpha-\eta-1} dv |p|^{\eta-\alpha} \\ & = \frac{\Gamma(\eta)\Gamma(\alpha-\eta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} |p|^{\eta-\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

if $p \neq 0$. In a similar manner one obtains the estimate

$$\frac{\Gamma(\alpha-\eta)\Gamma(1-\alpha)}{\Gamma(1-\eta)} |p|^{\eta-\alpha}$$

for S_3 if $p \neq 0$. These estimates imply that the right hand side of (14) is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{B}{\pi} \Gamma(1-\eta) \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} (1-\eta) \right) \left\{ \frac{\Gamma(\eta)\Gamma(1-\alpha)}{\Gamma(\eta+1-\alpha)} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{\Gamma(\eta)\Gamma(\alpha-\eta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} + \frac{\Gamma(\alpha-\eta)\Gamma(1-\alpha)}{\Gamma(1-\eta)} \right\} |p|^{\eta-\alpha} \quad (15) \end{aligned}$$

if $p \neq 0$. The relation $\Gamma(\eta)\Gamma(1-\eta) = \pi/\sin(\pi\eta)$ (recalling that $\eta = \alpha - \frac{2}{k}(1-\beta)$) together with the bound (15) imply (8).

Let us now consider the proof of the theorem. The terms corresponding to different k in (3) are orthogonal to each other. The estimate of the lemma and (7) imply that Y_n is well-defined. Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} S_n^N(Y) &= N^{-\beta} \sum_{j \in B_n^N} Y_j \\ &= \sum_{k > k_0} \frac{C_k}{k!} \int e^{inN(x_1 + \dots + x_k)} \frac{e^{iN(x_1 + \dots + x_k)} - 1}{e^{i(x_1 + \dots + x_k)} - 1} \\ &\quad \prod_{s=1}^k (|x_s|^{\gamma_k} Z_G(dx_s)) \\ &= \sum_{k > k_0} \frac{C_k}{k!} \int e^{in(\mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k)} \frac{e^{i(\mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k)} - 1}{\{e^{i\frac{1}{N}(\mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k)} - 1\} N} \\ &\quad Z_{kH_N}(d\mu_1) \dots Z_{kH_N}(d\mu_k) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} {}_kH(dx) &= |x|^{2\gamma_k} H(dx), \\ {}_kH_N(A) &= N^{\tilde{\alpha}_k} {}_kH(N^{-1}A), \quad \tilde{\alpha}_k = 2\gamma_k + \alpha = \frac{2}{k}(1-\beta). \end{aligned}$$

The measures ${}_kH_N(\cdot)$ tend locally weakly to the measures ${}_kG(\cdot)$ where ${}_kG(\cdot)$ has a spectral density

$$D^{-1}|x|^{\tilde{\alpha}_k-1}$$

with

$$D_k = 2\Gamma(\alpha) \cos\left(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right).$$

Let

$$K_N(x_1, \dots, x_k) = \frac{e^{i(x_1 + \dots + x_k)} - 1}{\{e^{i\frac{1}{N}(x_1 + \dots + x_k)} - 1\} N}.$$

Just as in the case of the paper of Dobrushin and Major [2] one can show that the sequence of measures

$${}_k\mu_N(A) = \int_A \left| \sum_{p=1}^l \beta_p e^{ip(x_1 + \dots + x_k)} \right|^2 |K_N(x_1, \dots, x_k)|^2 \prod_{k=1}^k H_N(dx_k) \quad (16)$$

tends weakly to the finite measure

$${}_k\mu(A) = \int_A \left| \sum_{p=1}^l \beta_p e^{ip(x_1 + \dots + x_k)} \right|^2 p^2 \left| K\left(\sum_{j=1}^k x_j\right) \right|^2 \prod_{k=1}^k G_k(dx_k) \quad (17)$$

as $N \rightarrow \infty$, $k > k_0$.

We shall now show that the distribution of

$$\sum_{k=k_0+1}^m \frac{c_k}{k!} \int e^{in(\mu_1+\dots+\mu_k)} K_N(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k) Z_{kH_N}(d\mu_1) \dots Z_{kH_N}(d\mu_k) \quad (18)$$

tends to that of

$$\sum_{k=k_0+1}^m \frac{c_k}{k!} \int e^{in(\mu_1+\dots+\mu_k)} K\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \mu_j\right) \prod_{j=1}^k (|\mu_j|)^{\gamma_k + \frac{\alpha-1}{2}} W(d\mu_j) \quad (19)$$

for each positive integer m . Let us now use the notation of Sect. 4 of the paper of Dobrushin [1]. Let $h_k \in H_{G_k}^k$, $k_0 < k \leq m$. Then the distribution of

$$\sum_{k=k_0+1}^m \int h_k(x_1, \dots, x_k) Z_{kH_N}(dx_1) \dots Z_{kH_N}(dx_k) \quad (20)$$

tends to that of

$$\sum_{k=k_0+1}^m \int h_k(x_1, \dots, x_k) Z_{G_k}(dx_1) \dots Z_{G_k}(dx_k) \quad (21)$$

as $N \rightarrow \infty$. This follows since the integrals of (20) are polynomials in the random variables $Z_{kH_N}(\mathbf{B})$ (the \mathbf{B} s are the one-dimensional projections of the level sets of the functions h_k). Since the joint distributions of the random variables $Z_{kH_N}(\mathbf{B})$ tend to the joint distribution of the random variables $Z_{G_k}(\mathbf{B})$, it follows that the distribution of (20) tends to that of (21). Given any $\varepsilon > 0$ there is an $h_k \in H_{G_k}^k$ such that

$$\int_{R^k} |K_N(x_1, \dots, x_k) - h_k(x_1, \dots, x_k)|^2 \quad {}_kH_N(dx_1) \dots {}_kH_N(dx_k) < \varepsilon,$$

$k_0 < k \leq m$, and

$$\int_{R^k} \left| K\left(\sum_{j=1}^k x_j\right) - h_k(x_1, \dots, x_k) \right|^2 G_k(dx_1) \dots G_k(dx_k) < \varepsilon.$$

The sets of inequalities follow from the convergence of the measures (16) to (17) and the convergence of $K_N(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ to $K\left(\sum_{j=1}^k x_j\right)$ on every finite interval. The last comments imply that the distribution of (18) tends to the distribution of (19) as $N \rightarrow \infty$ for each positive m .

The proof of the theorem will be complete if we can show that the variance of the remainder

$$\sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \frac{c_k}{k!} \int e^{in(\mu_1+\dots+\mu_k)} K_N(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k) Z_{kH_N}(d\mu_1) \dots Z_{kH_N}(d\mu_k) \quad (22)$$

can be made uniformly small as $N \rightarrow \infty$ if m is fixed but sufficiently large. The variance of

$$\int e^{in(\mu_1 + \dots + \mu_k)} K_N(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k) Z_{kH_N}(d\mu_1) \dots Z_{kH_N}(d\mu_k)$$

is

$$\int |K_N(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k)|^2 {}_kH_N(d\mu_1) \dots {}_kH_N(d\mu_k). \quad (23)$$

If

$$\rho(j) = \int e^{ijx} |x|^{2\gamma_k} H(dx)$$

then (23) by the argument on p. 34 of [2] can be rewritten

$$\frac{1}{N^{2-k\tilde{\alpha}}} \sum_{|j| < N} (N - |j|) \rho(j)^k.$$

Using the lemma, one can see that this is bounded in absolute value by

$$A^k \Gamma \left(\frac{2}{k} (1 - \beta) \right)^k \sum_{|j| < N} \left(1 - \frac{|j|}{N} \right) \left| \frac{j}{N} \right|^{-2(1-\beta)} N^{-1}. \quad (24)$$

The assumption (7) together with the estimate (24) implies that the variance of (22) is uniformly small as $N \rightarrow \infty$ if m is sufficiently large.

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