Necessary and sufficient conditions for weak convergence of random sums of independent random variables

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Abstract. Let $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables such that $EX_n = a_n, E(X_n - a_n)^2 = \sigma_n^2, n \ge 1$. Let $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integervalued random variables. Let us put $S_{N_n} = \sum_{k=1}^{N_n} X_k, L_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k, s_n^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma_k^2, n \ge 1$. In this paper we present necessary and sufficient conditions for weak convergence of the sequence $\{(S_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n, n \ge 1\}$, as $n \to \infty$. The obtained theorems extend the main result of M. Finkelstein and H.G. Tucker (1989).

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1. Introduction.

Let $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables, defined on a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) , such that $EX_n = a_n$, $E(X_n - a_n)^2 = \sigma_n^2 < \infty$, $n \ge 1$. Let us put

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n X_k, \qquad L_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k, \qquad s_n^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma_k^2, \qquad n \ge 1.$$

Let $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued random variables, defined on the same probability space (Ω, \mathcal{A}, P) .

Recently many authors have studied limit behaviour of the following sequences:

$$\{(S_{N_n} - L_{N_n})/s_{N_n}, n \ge 1\}, \{(S_{N_n} - EL_{N_n})/\sigma(S_{N_n}), n \ge 1\}, \\ \{(S_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n, n \ge 1\},\$$

under the assumption that for each $n \ge 1$ the random variables N_n, X_1, X_2, \ldots are independent. Also the rate of convergence to the obtained limit law has extensively been studied (cf. [3], [6], [9], [4], [5], [8] and the references given there).

The limit distribution of the sequence $\{(S_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n, n \ge 1\}$ is presented in [3]. Namely, M. Finkelstein and H.G. Tucker [3] have obtained the following very interesting result. **Theorem A.** Let $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables such that $EX_1 = \mu \ne 0$ and $E(X_1 - \mu)^2 = \sigma^2 > 0$. If $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ is a sequence of positive integer-valued random variables independent of $X_n, n \ge 1$, then the condition

(1.1)
$$(S_{N_n} - n\mu)/\sigma\sqrt{n} \xrightarrow{D}$$
 (some) Z

holds if and only if the condition

(1.2)
$$(N_n - n)/\sqrt{n} \xrightarrow{D}$$
 (some) U

holds, in which case the distribution of Z is that of X + Y, where X and Y are independent random variables, X being N(0,1) and Y having the same distribution as $\mu U/\sigma$.

The main aim of this paper is to extend Theorem A in the following directions:

- (i) We consider the random variables X_n , $n \ge 1$, not necessarily identically distributed.
- (ii) We omit the assumption that the random variables X_n , $n \ge 1$, have finite moments, and therefore we consider weak convergence to the Levy class distribution functions.
- (iii) We do not assume that the random variables N_n , $n \ge 1$, are independent of X_n , $n \ge 1$. We study limit distribution of the sequence $\{(S_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n, n \ge 1\}$, under the assumption that for some $1 \le q \le \infty$

(1.3)
$$r(n) = \mathbb{R}_{1,q}(\sigma\{N_k, k \ge 1\}, \sigma\{X_k, k \ge n\}) \to 0$$

or

(1.4)
$$\mathbb{R}(n) = \mathbb{R}_{1,q}(\sigma\{N_n\}, \sigma\{X_k, k \ge 1\}) \to 0$$

as $n \to \infty$, where $\mathbb{R}_{p,q}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{G})$ denotes the measure of dependence between σ -fields \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} introduced in [2] (cf. (1.1)). Namely, for $1 \le p, q \le \infty$

$$\mathbb{R}_{p,q}(\mathcal{F},\mathcal{G}) = \sup |Efg - Ef Eg| / ||f||_p ||g||_q,$$

where the sup is taken over all f and g such that f is simple, real-valued, and \mathcal{F} -measurable and g is simple, real-valued, and \mathcal{G} -measurable. (0/0 is presented to be 0.) Of course, $\mathbb{R}_{p,q}$ is simply a norm of the bilinear form covariance.

In Section 2 we present the results. In Section 3 some auxiliary lemmas are given. The proofs of the main results are presented in Section 4.

2. Results.

Theorem 1. Let $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables and let $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued random variables satisfying (1.3) or (1.4) for some $1 \le q \le \infty$. Let $\{L_n, n \ge 1\}$ and $\{s_n, n \ge 1\}$ be sequences of real numbers and positive real numbers, respectively. Denote

$$a_n = L_n - L_{n-1}, \quad S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n X_k,$$
$$S_{N_n} = \sum_{k=1}^{N_n} X_k, \quad L_{N_n} = \sum_{k=1}^\infty L_k I[N_n = k], \quad s_{N_n} = \sum_{k=1}^\infty s_k I[N_n = k], \quad n \ge 1$$

Assume

$$\max_{1 \le k \le n} P[|X_k - a_k| \ge \varepsilon s_n] \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad n \to \infty,$$

and

(2.1)
$$(S_n - L_n)/s_n \xrightarrow{D} F(\cdot) \text{ as } n \to \infty,$$

where

(2.2)
$$\int e^{itx} F(dx) = \exp\{i\gamma t + \oint (e^{itx} - 1 - itx/(1 + x^2)) (1 + x^2)/x^2 G(dx)\},$$

 γ is a real number, $G(\cdot)$ is nondecreasing bounded function (\oint means that the integrand is equal to $-t^2/2$ for x = 0) and not identically equal to a constant, and

(2.3)
$$N_n \xrightarrow{P} \infty \text{ as } n \to \infty$$

or for every $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and some constant C > 0

(2.4)
$$|L_n - L_k| \ge C|n-k| \text{ and } n/s_n \to \infty \text{ as } n \to \infty,$$

or

(2.5)
$$L_n/s_n \to \infty \text{ or } L_n/s_n \to \infty, \text{ as } n \to \infty,$$

If

(2.6)
$$(s_{N_n}/s_n, (L_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n) \to \text{ (some) } A(\cdot, \cdot),$$

where A is a two-dimensional distribution function, then

(2.7)
$$(S_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n \xrightarrow{D}$$
 (some) $\Psi(\cdot),$

where

(2.8)
$$\int e^{itx} \Psi(dx) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \exp\{i\gamma ty + itz + \oint (e^{i(ty)x} - 1 - i(ty)x/(1 + x^2)) (1 + x^2)/x^2 G(dx)\} A(dy, dz).$$

If (2.7) holds with some distribution function $\Psi(\cdot)$, then the sequence $\{(s_{N_n}/s_n, (L_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n), n \ge 1\}$ is tight.

It is known that the set of possible weak limits of sums of independent random variables (cf. for e.g. [7, IV, §3]) is the class of Levy distribution function $F(\cdot)$ which may be characterized by (2.2) and: For every $0 < \alpha < 1$, there exists the characteristic function $f_{\alpha}(t)$ such that

$$\int e^{itx} F(dx) = \int e^{it\alpha x} F(dx) f_{\alpha}(t), \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Furthermore, by Lemma 11 $[7, IV, \S 3]$, (2.1) implies

(2.9)
$$s_{n+1}/s_n \to 1$$
, and $s_n \to \infty$ as $n \to \infty$.

The condition that $G(\cdot)$ is not identically equal to a constant implies

$$\oint (e^{itx} - 1 - itx/(1 + x^2)) \ (1 + x^2)/x^2 \ G(dx) \neq 0$$

so that $F(\cdot)$ in (2.1) is not a degenerate distribution function.

We note that the condition (2.3) may be expressed as follows:

For some sequence $\{\alpha(n), n \ge 1\}$ such that $\alpha(n) \to \infty$ as $n \to \infty$,

(2.10)
$$P(N_n < \alpha(n)) \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$

Let us observe that if for each $n \ge 1$, the random variables N_n, X_1, X_2, \ldots are independent, then (1.3) and (1.4) hold with $r(n) = \mathbb{R}(n) = 0$ for every $q \ge 1$.

The next result deals with the convergence to the stable limit law. Assume

(2.11)
$$P(X_n > x)/P(|X_n| > x) \to c_{1,n}/(c_{1,n} + c_{2,n}) \text{ as } x \to \infty,$$

where $\{c_{j,n}, n \ge 1\}$, j = 1, 2, are some sequences of nonnegative numbers such that $c_{1,n} + c_{2,n} > 0, n \ge 1$.

For some $0 \le \alpha \le 2$ we define

$$e_1 = \int_0^\infty u^{-\alpha} \sin(u) \, du, \quad e_2 = \begin{cases} -\int_0^\infty u^{-\alpha} \cos(u) \, du, & \text{if } \alpha < 1, \\ 1 & \text{if } \alpha = 1 \\ \int_0^\infty u^{-\alpha} (1 - \cos(u)) \, du, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma_n^{\alpha} = (c_{1,n} + c_{2,n})e_1, \quad s_n^{\alpha} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^{\alpha}, \quad s_0 = 1,$$
(0) if $\alpha < 1$

$$a_{n} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } \alpha < 1, \\ EX_{n}, & \text{if } \alpha > 1, \\ \int_{0}^{1} d_{n}(x) \, dx + \int_{1}^{\infty} (d_{n}(x) - (c_{2,n} - c_{1,n})/x) \, dx + \\ & + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (c_{1,i} - c_{2,i}) e_{2} \ln(s_{i}/s_{i-1}) + \\ & + (c_{1,n} - c_{2,n}) e_{2} \ln(s_{n}) + (c_{2,n} - c_{1,n})\gamma, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
$$L_{n} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{i}, \quad n \ge 1,$$

where $d_n(x) = P(X_n > x) - P(X_n < -x)$, γ is the Euler's constant and $s_n = (s_n^{\alpha})^{1/\alpha}$. Furthermore, let

$$\beta_n = \sum_{i=1}^n (c_{1,i} - c_{2,i})e_2.$$

Let $G_{\alpha,\beta,\nu,\lambda}(\cdot)$ denote the stable law with parameters $\alpha,\beta,\nu,\lambda, \alpha \in (0,2], \beta \in [-1,1], \lambda > 0, \nu \in \mathbb{R}$, i.e.

$$\int e^{itx} G_{\alpha,\beta,\nu,\lambda}(dx) = \exp\{i\nu t - \lambda |t|^{\alpha} (1 + i\operatorname{sgn}(t)\omega(t,\alpha,\beta))\},\$$

where $\omega(t, \alpha, \beta) = \beta t g(\pi \alpha/2)$ for $\alpha \neq 1$ and $\omega(t, \alpha, \beta) = -(2\beta/\pi) \ln |t|$ for $\alpha = 1$.

Theorem 2. Let $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables satisfying (2.11). Assume, for some $\alpha \in (0, 2]$,

(2.12)
$$\beta_n / s_n^{\alpha} \to \beta \text{ as } n \to \infty$$

and

(2.13)
$$(S_n - L_n)/s_n \xrightarrow{D} G_{\alpha,\beta,0,1}(\cdot) \text{ as } n \to \infty,$$

hold.

Let $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued random variables satisfying (1.3) or (1.4) and (2.3) or (2.4). If

(2.14)
$$(s_{N_n}^{\alpha}/s_n^{\alpha}, (\beta_{N_n} - \beta_n)/s_n^{\alpha}, (L_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n) \xrightarrow{D} \text{ (some) } A(\cdot, \cdot, \cdot),$$

where A is a three-dimensional distribution function, then

(2.15)
$$(S_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n \xrightarrow{D} \Psi(\cdot) \text{ as } n \to \infty,$$

where

$$\begin{split} \int e^{itx} \, \Psi(dx) &= \iiint_{\mathbb{R}^3} \exp\{-|t|^{\alpha} (x+i \operatorname{sgn}(t) \omega(\alpha,\beta,t)) - \\ &- |t|^{\alpha} i \operatorname{sgn}(t) \omega(\alpha,1,t) y + itz\} \, A(dx,\,dy,\,dz). \end{split}$$

If (2.15) holds with some distribution function Ψ , then the sequence $\{(s_{N_n}^{\alpha}/s_n^{\alpha}, (\beta_{N_n} - \beta_n)/s_n^{\alpha}, (L_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n), n \ge 1\}$ is tight.

Note that for $\alpha < 1$ we have $L_k = 0$ for all k, hence $(L_{N_n} - L_n) = 0$, $n \ge 1$. The given result seems to be interesting in case of i.i.d. random variables, but because in case $\alpha < 1$ the centralization is equal to 0, we formulate two corollaries for $\alpha > 1$ and $\alpha = 1$ only.

Corollary 1. Let $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables. Assume X_1 belongs to the area of attraction of a stable law $G_{\alpha,\beta,0,\lambda}(\cdot), \alpha \in (1,2]$. Let $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued random variables satisfying (1.3) or (1.4). If

(2.16)
$$(N_n - n)/n^{1/\alpha} \xrightarrow{D}$$
 (some) $A(\cdot)$, as $n \to \infty$,

then

(2.17)
$$(S_{N_n} - nEX_1)/(n\lambda)^{1/\alpha} \xrightarrow{D}$$
 (some) $\Psi(\cdot)$, as $n \to \infty$,

where $\lambda = e_1(c_{1,1} + c_{2,1})$, and

$$\int e^{itx} \Psi(dx) = \exp\{-|t|^{\alpha} \lambda (1 + i \operatorname{sgn}(t)\omega(\alpha, \beta, t))\} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \exp\{-x|t|^{\alpha} i \operatorname{sgn}(t) \omega(\alpha, \beta, t)$$
$$(c_{1,1} - c_{2,1}) e_2/\lambda^{1/\alpha} + itx E X_1/\lambda^{1/\alpha}\} A(dx).$$

If (2.17) holds, then the sequence given in (2.16) is tight.

Corollary 2. Let $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables. Assume X_1 belongs to the area of attraction of Cauchy law. Let $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued random variables satisfying (1.3) or (1.4). If

(2.18)
$$(N_n/n, (N_n \ln(N_n) - n \ln(n))/n) \xrightarrow{D}$$
 (some) $A(\cdot, \cdot)$, as $n \to \infty$,

then

(2.19)
$$(S_{N_n} - n\mu - rn\ln(n))/(n\lambda) \xrightarrow{D}$$
 (some) $\Psi(\cdot)$, as $n \to \infty$,

where $\lambda = e_1(c_{1,1} + c_{2,1}), r = e_1(c_{1,1} - c_{2,1}),$

$$\mu = \int_0^1 d_1(x) \, dx + \int_1^\infty (d_1(x) - (c_{1,1} - c_{2,1})/x) \, dx + (c_{1,1} - c_{2,1}) \, [\gamma + e_2 \ln(\lambda)]_{\mathcal{H}}$$

and

$$\int e^{itx} \Psi(dx) =$$

$$= \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} \exp\{-|t|\lambda(x+(2x-1)i\operatorname{sgn}(t)\omega(1,\beta,t)) + it(x+1)\mu + it\beta(y+1)\} A(dx, dy) + it(x+1)\mu + it(x$$

If (2.19) holds, then the sequence given in (2.18) is tight.

The next result deals with the central limit theorem. Here we can formulate a stronger result than in Theorems 1 and 2 (cf. Lemma 6 in Section 3).

Theorem 3. Let $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables such that $EX_n = a_n$ and $E(X_n - a_n)^2 = \sigma_n^2 < \infty$, $n \ge 1$. Let $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued random variables satisfying (1.3) or (1.4). Let us put

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n X_k, \quad L_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k, \quad s_n^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n \sigma_k^2,$$

$$S_{N_n} = \sum_{k=1}^{N_n} X_k, \quad L_{N_n} = \sum_{k=1}^{N_n} a_k, \quad s_{N_n}^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{N_n} \sigma_k^2, \quad n \ge 1.$$

If

(2.20)
$$(S_n - L_n)/s_n \xrightarrow{D} N(0,1) \text{ as } n \to \infty,$$

and (2.3) or (2.4) or (2.5) hold, then the following conditions are equivalent:

(2.21)
$$(s_{N_n}^2/s_n^2, (L_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n) \xrightarrow{D} \text{ (some) } A(\cdot, \cdot),$$

where A is a two-dimensional distribution function,

(2.22)
$$(S_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n \xrightarrow{D}$$
 (some) $\Psi(\cdot),$

where Ψ is a distribution function.

The distribution functions A and Ψ are such that

(2.23)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(itx) \Psi(dx) = \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} \exp(-t^2 x/2 + ity) A(dx, dy).$$

Corollary 3. Let $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables such that $EX_n = \mu \neq 0$, $E(X_n - \mu)^2 = \sigma^2 < \infty$, $n \ge 1$, and

(2.24)
$$(S_n - n\mu)/\sigma\sqrt{n} \xrightarrow{D} N(0,1) \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$

Let $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued random variables satisfying (1.3) or (1.4). Then the following conditions are equivalent:

(2.25)
$$(N_n - n)/\sqrt{n} \xrightarrow{D}$$
 (some) $G(\cdot)$, as $n \to \infty$,

and

(2.26)
$$(S_{N_n} - n\mu)/\sigma\sqrt{n} \xrightarrow{D}$$
 (some) $\Psi(\cdot)$, as $n \to \infty$.

The distribution functions G and Ψ are such that

$$\int e^{itx} \Psi(dx) = \exp(-t^2/2) \int e^{it\mu x/\sigma} G(dx).$$

Let us observe that if, in addition, X_n , $n \ge 1$, are identically distributed, then (2.24) holds. Thus Corollary 3, under the assumption that the random variables N_n, X_1, X_2, \ldots are independent for each $n \ge 1$, gives Theorem A.

3. Auxiliary lemmas.

In the proofs of the main results we need some lemmas. Let $\mathfrak{L}(X)$ denote the distribution of the random variable X.

Lemma 1. Let $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables and let $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued random variables satisfying (1.3) or (1.4). Let $\{Y_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables and independent of $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ and $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ such that $\mathfrak{L}(X_n) = \mathfrak{L}(Y_n), n \ge 1$. Let $\{s_n, n \ge 1\}$ and $\{L_n, n \ge 1\}$ be sequences of real numbers such that $s_n > 0$, $n \ge 1$, and $s_n \to \infty$ as $n \to \infty$. Let $Z_n = Y_1 + \cdots + Y_n, n \ge 1$. Assume (2.1) holds. Then the following conditions are equivalent:

(3.1)
$$(S_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n \xrightarrow{D}$$
 (some) $\Psi(\cdot)$, as $n \to \infty$.

and

(3.2)
$$(Z_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n \xrightarrow{D}$$
 (some) $G(\cdot)$, as $n \to \infty$.

in which case $\Psi(\cdot) \equiv G(\cdot)$.

PROOF: Let us observe that $\mathfrak{L}(S_n) = \mathfrak{L}(Z_n), n \ge 1$, but in general $\mathfrak{L}(S_{N_n}) \neq \mathfrak{L}(Z_{N_n}), n \ge 1$, since N_n is independent of $Y_n, n \ge 1$, but may be dependent of $X_n, n \ge 1$.

Assume (1.4) holds. Then

(3.3)

$$I_{n}(t) = |E \exp\{it(S_{N_{n}} - L_{n})/s_{n}\} - E \exp\{it(Z_{N_{n}} - L_{n})/s_{n}\}| = |\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [EI(N_{n} = m) \exp\{it(S_{m} - L_{n})/s_{n}\} - EI(N_{n} = m)E \exp\{it(Z_{m} - L_{n})/s_{n}\}]| \le \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{R}(n)P(N_{n} = m) = \mathbb{R}(n) \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$

Thus (3.1) holds if and only if (3.2) holds and $\Psi(\cdot) \equiv G(\cdot)$. We remark that under the assumption (1.4) we did not use (2.1).

Assume now (1.3) holds. Then by (2.1), for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a positive number K_{ε} such that for every $n \ge 1$

$$P(|S_n - L_n| / s_n \ge K_{\varepsilon}) \le \varepsilon.$$

Furthermore, we may and do assume $0 < \varepsilon_1 < \varepsilon_2$ implies $K_{\varepsilon_1} \ge K_{\varepsilon_2}$ and that $K_{\varepsilon} \to \infty$ as $\varepsilon \to 0$.

Let us put

$$\begin{split} \psi(n) &= \max\{k : s_k \le s_n^{1/2}\},\\ \varepsilon(n) &= 2\inf\{\varepsilon > 0 : K_{\varepsilon} < s_n^{1/4}, \varepsilon > s_n^{-1/4}\},\\ \varrho(n) &= \min\{\psi(n), (\varepsilon(n))^{-1/2}\}. \end{split}$$

We have $s_n \to \infty$, hence $\varepsilon(n) \to 0$, $\psi(n) \to \infty$ and $K_{\varepsilon(n)} \to \infty$ as $n \to \infty$. Furthermore, for every $1 \le i \le \rho(n)$

$$P(|S_i - L_i|/s_n > s_n^{-1/4}) \le P(|S_i - L_i|/s_i s_n^{1/2} > s_n^{-1/4}) \le P(|S_i - L_i|/s_i > s_n^{1/4}) \le P(|S_i - L_i|/s_i > K_{\varepsilon(n)}) \le \varepsilon(n)$$

and, in consequence,

$$P(|S_i - L_i|/s_n > s_n^{-1/4}, N_n = i) \le \varepsilon(n).$$

Thus, for every t such that $|t| < s_n^{1/8}$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &|E(\exp\{it(S_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n\} - \exp\{it(L_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n\}) \ I[N_n \le \varrho(n)]| \le \\ &\le E|(\exp\{it(S_{N_n} - L_{N_n})/s_n\} - 1)| \ I[N_n \le \varrho(n), \max_{1 \le i \le \varrho(n)} |S_i - L_i|/s_n \le s_n^{-1/4}] + \\ &+ \sum_{i \le \varrho(n)} 2P(|S_i - L_i|/s_n > s_n^{-1/4}) \le 2|t|s_n^{-1/4} + 2\varrho(n)\varepsilon(n) \le 4(\varepsilon(n))^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, replacing S_i by Z_i , we get

$$|E(\exp\{it(Z_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n\} - \exp\{it(L_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n\}) \ I[N_n \le \varrho(n)]| \le 4(\varepsilon(n))^{1/2},$$
so that

$$|E(\exp\{it(S_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n\} - \exp\{it(Z_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n\}) \ I[N_n \le \varrho(n)]| \le 8(\varepsilon(n))^{1/2}.$$

On the other hand, step by step as in above, for $|t| < s_n^{1/8}$ we also get

$$E |\exp\{it(S_{[\varrho(n)]} - L_{[\varrho(n)]})/s_n\} - 1| \le 4(\varepsilon(n))^{1/2},$$

and

$$E|\exp\{it(Z_{[\varrho(n)]} - L_{[\varrho(n)]})/s_n\} - 1| \le 4(\varepsilon(n))^{1/2}$$

where [x] denotes the integral part of x. Hence, taking into account the inequalities obtained above and using the triangle inequality, for $|t| \leq s_n^{1/8}$ we have

$$\begin{split} &I_{n}(t) \leq |E(\exp\{it(S_{N_{n}}-L_{n})/s_{n}\} - \\ &-\exp\{it(Z_{N_{n}}-L_{n})/s_{n}\}) \ I[N_{n} > \varrho(n)]| + 8(\varepsilon(n))^{1/2} \leq \\ &\leq |E(\exp\{it(S_{N_{n}}-L_{n}-S_{[\varrho(n)]}+L_{[\varrho(n)]})/s_{n}\} - \\ &-\exp\{it(Z_{N_{n}}-L_{n}-S_{[\varrho(n)]}+L_{[\varrho(n)]})/s_{n}\}) \ I[N_{n} > \varrho(n)]| + 8(\varepsilon(n))^{1/2} \leq \\ &\leq |E(\exp\{it(S_{N_{n}}-L_{n}-S_{[\varrho(n)]}+L_{[\varrho(n)]})/s_{n}\} - \\ &-\exp\{it(Z_{N_{n}}-L_{n}-Z_{[\varrho(n)]}+L_{[\varrho(n)]})/s_{n}\}) \ I[N_{n} > \varrho(n)]| + \\ &+|E(\exp\{it(Z_{N_{n}}-L_{n}-S_{[\varrho(n)]}+L_{[\varrho(n)]})/s_{n}\}) \ I[N_{n} > \varrho(n)]| + 8(\varepsilon(n))^{1/2} \leq \\ &\leq |E(\exp\{it(S_{N_{n}}-L_{n}-Z_{[\varrho(n)]}-L_{n}+L_{[\varrho(n)]})/s_{n}\}) \ I[N_{n} > \varrho(n)]| + 8(\varepsilon(n))^{1/2} \leq \\ &\leq |E(\exp\{it(S_{N_{n}}-S_{[\varrho(n)]}-L_{n}+L_{[\varrho(n)]})/s_{n}\}) \ I[N_{n} > \varrho(n)]| + 16(\varepsilon(n))^{1/2} \leq \\ &\leq \sum_{k > \varrho(n)} |E\exp\{it(S_{k}-S_{[\varrho(n)]}-L_{n}+L_{[\varrho(n)]})/s_{n}\} \ I[N_{k} = k] - \\ &-E\exp\{it(S_{k}-S_{[\varrho(n)]}-L_{n}+L_{[\varrho(n)]})/s_{n}\} \ P[N_{n} = k]| + 16(\varepsilon(n))^{1/2} \leq \\ &\leq r([\varrho(n)]+1) + 16(\varepsilon(n))^{1/2} \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty. \end{split}$$

Thus the proof of Lemma 1 is finished.

Lemma 2. If $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ and $\{Y_n, n \ge 1\}$ are tight sequences of random variables, then the following sequences are also tight:

(a) $\{X_n + Y_n, n \ge 1\},$ (b) $\{X_n Y_n, n \ge 1\},$ (c) $\{(X_n, Y_n), n \ge 1\}.$

The proof is simple and therefore omitted.

Lemma 3. Let $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables and let $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued random variables satisfying (1.3) or (1.4). Let $\{s_n, n \ge 1\}$ and $\{L_n, n \ge 1\}$ be sequences of real numbers such that $0 < s_n, n \ge 1$, and $s_n \to \infty$ as $n \to \infty$. Assume (2.1) and (3.1) hold with nondegenerate distribution function $F(\cdot)$, then the sequence $\{s_{N_n}/s_n, n \ge 1\}$ is tight.

PROOF: Let $\{Y_n, n \ge 1\}$ and $\{V_n, n \ge 1\}$ be independent sequences of independent random variables and independent of the sequences $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ and $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$, such that $\mathfrak{L}(X_n) = \mathfrak{L}(Y_n) = \mathfrak{L}(V_n), n \ge 1$. Let us put

$$Z_n = \sum_{k=1}^n Y_k, \quad U_n = \sum_{k=1}^n V_k, \quad n \ge 1.$$

Then

$$(Z_n - L_n)/s_n \xrightarrow{D} F(\cdot), \quad (U_n - L_n)/s_n \xrightarrow{D} F(\cdot), \quad \text{as} \ n \to \infty.$$

and, by Lemma 1,

$$(Z_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n \xrightarrow{D} \Psi(\cdot), \quad (U_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n \xrightarrow{D} \Psi(\cdot), \quad \text{as } n \to \infty.$$

By Lemma 2 (a) the sequences $\{(Z_{N_n}-U_{N_n})/s_n, n \ge 1\}$ and $\{(Z_n-U_n)/s_n, n \ge 1\}$ are tight. Moreover,

$$(Z_n - L_n)/s_n \xrightarrow{D} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x + \cdot) F(dx) \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$

Because $F(\cdot)$ is nondegenerate distribution function and $\int F(x+\cdot) F(dx)$ is symmetric distribution function so that there exists c > 0 such that $\int F(x+c) F(dx) > 0$.

Assume that $\{s_{N_n}/s_n, n \ge 1\}$ is not tight. Thus, for some $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist the sequences $\{k_n, n \ge 1\}$ and $\{l_n, n \ge 1\}$ such that $k_n \in \{1, 2, ...\}, k_n \to \infty, l_n \to \infty$ as $n \to \infty$, and $P(s_{N_{k_n}}/s_{k_n} > l_n) > \varepsilon, n \ge 1$. Hence, for sufficiently large n,

$$\begin{split} P(Z_{N_{k_n}} - U_{N_{k_n}} \ge cl_n s_{k_n}) \ge & \sum_{m:s_m > l_n s_{k_n}} P(Z_m - U_m \ge cl_n s_{k_n}) \ P(N_{k_n} = m) \ge \\ \ge & \sum_{m:s_m > l_n s_{k_n}} P(Z_m - U_m \ge cs_m) \ P(N_{k_n} = m) \ge \\ \ge & (1 - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x + c) \ F(dx)) \ P(s_{N_{k_n}} \ge l_n s_{k_n})/2 \ge \\ \ge & (1/4)(1 - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(x + c) \ F(dx)) \ \varepsilon > 0. \end{split}$$

Thus we get a contradiction, and this ends the proof.

Lemma 4. Let $\{Y_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables and let $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued random variables independent of $\{Y_n, n \ge 1\}$. If $\{L_n, n \ge 1\}$ and $\{s_n, n \ge 1\}$ are sequences of real numbers such that $0 < s_n, n \ge 1, s_n \to \infty$ as $n \to \infty$ and the sequences $\{(Z_n - L_n)/s_n, n \ge 1\}$ and $\{s_{N_n}/s_n, n \ge 1\}$ are tight, then the sequence $\{(Z_{N_n} - L_{N_n})/s_n, n \ge 1\}$ is tight, too.

PROOF: We have

$$P(|Z_{N_n} - L_{N_n}| / s_{N_n} > K) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} P(|Z_m - L_m| / s_m > K) \ P(N_n = m) \le \varepsilon$$

provided, for every $m \ge 1$, $P(|Z_m - L_m|/s_m > K) \le \varepsilon$. Thus the sequence $\{(Z_{N_n} - L_{N_n})/s_{N_n}, n \ge 1\}$ is tight, so that the sequence $\{(Z_{N_n} - L_{N_n})/s_{N_n}, n \ge 1\}$ is tight by Lemma 2 (b). \Box

Lemma 5. Let $\{L_n, n \ge 1\}$ and $\{s_n, n \ge 1\}$ be sequences of real numbers such that $0 < s_n, n \ge 1$, and $s_n \to \infty$ as $n \to \infty$. Let $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued random variables such that the sequence $\{(L_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n, n \ge 1\}$ is tight. Then (2.3) or (2.4) or (2.5) implies (2.10).

PROOF: Assume (2.4) holds. Then

$$P(|L_{N_n} - L_n|/s_n > K) \ge P(|N_n - n|/s_n > K/C) \ge \ge P((N_n - n)/s_n < -K/C) = P(N_n < s_n(n/s_n - K/C)).$$

Thus, taking into account the tightness of $\{(L_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n, n \ge 1\}$ and the second part of (2.4), we get

$$P(N_n < s_n(n/s_n - n/2s_n)) = P(N_n < n/2) \to 0, \text{ as } n \to \infty,$$

so that (2.10) holds with $\alpha(n) = n/2$, $n \ge 1$. Let us suppose (2.5). If $L_n/s_n \to \infty$ as $n \to \infty$, then

$$P(|L_{N_n} - L_n|/s_n > K) \ge P((L_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n < -K) = P(L_{N_n} < s_n(L_n/s_n - K)).$$

Now the tightness and $L_n/s_n \to \infty$ as $n \to \infty$ imply

$$P(L_{N_n} < s_n(L_n/s_n - L_n/2s_n)) = P(L_{N_n} < L_n/2) \to 0, \text{ as } n \to \infty,$$

so that (2.10) holds with $\alpha(n) = \inf\{k \in \mathbb{N} : L_k \ge L_n/2\}, n \ge 1$. Of course, since $L_n \to \infty$ as $n \to \infty$, we get $\alpha(n) \to \infty$ as $n \to \infty$.

If $L_n/s_n \to \infty$ as $n \to \infty$, the proof of (2.10) is the same. The equivalence of (2.3) and (2.10) has been explained after Theorem 1.

Lemma 6. Let $A(\cdot, \cdot)$ and $A'(\cdot, \cdot)$ be two distribution functions. If for every $t \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\iint \exp(-t^2 x/2 + ity) A'(dx, dy) = \iint \exp(-t^2 x/2 + ity) A(dx, dy),$$

then A = A'

The proof is easy and therefore omitted.

Lemma 7. Let $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables and let $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of positive integer-valued random variables independent of $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ and satisfying (2.10). Assume for arbitrary $\tau > 0$, some sequence of real numbers $\{a_k, k \ge 1\}$ and nondecreasing sequence of positive real numbers $\{s_n, n \ge 1\}$,

(3.4)
$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} (b_j + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x/(1+x^2) \, dF_j(x+b_j) - a_j)/s_n \to \gamma, \text{ as } n \to \infty,$$

and uniformly on compact sets with respect to t

(3.5)
$$\oint_{-\infty}^{\infty} (e^{itx/s_n} - 1 - itx/((1+x^2)s_n)) d \sum_{j=1}^n F_j(x+b_j) \to \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (e^{itx} - 1 - itx/(1+x^2)) (1+x^2)/x G(dx), \text{ as } n \to \infty,$$

where

$$F_j(x) = P[X_j < x], \quad b_j = \int_{|x| < \tau} x \, dF_j(x), \quad j \ge 1,$$

and $G(\cdot)$ is nondecreasing bounded function. Then uniformly on compact sets

where

$$L_n = \sum_{j=1}^n a_j, \quad L_{N_n} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_n} a_j, \quad n \ge 1.$$

Proof: Let us remark that for every $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\begin{split} P[|\sum_{j=1}^{N_n} (b_j + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x/(1+x^2) \, dF_j(x+b_j) - a_j)/s_{N_n} - \gamma| > \varepsilon] \leq \\ \leq P[N_n \leq \alpha(n)] + \sup_{k_n \geq \alpha(n)} |\sum_{j=1}^{k_n} (b_j + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x/(1+x^2) \, dF_j(x+b_j) - a_j)/s_{k_n} - \gamma|/\varepsilon \to 0 \quad \text{as} \quad n \to \infty, \end{split}$$

where $\{\alpha(n), n \ge 1\}$ is defined in (2.10). Similarly

$$P[\sup_{|t| \varepsilon] \to 0 \text{ as } n \to \infty.$$

On the other hand, for each positive number K_i , ε_i , i = 1, 2, we have

$$\begin{split} \sup_{|t| < K_1} J_n(t) &\leq P[|s_{N_n}/s_n| > K_2] + \\ &+ 2P[|\sum_{j=1}^{N_n} (b_j + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x/(1+x^2) \, dF_j(x+b_j) - a_j)/s_{N_n} - \gamma| > \varepsilon_1/K_1] + \\ &+ 2P[\sup_{|y| < K_1K_2} | \oint_{-\infty}^{\infty} (e^{iyx/s_{N_n}} - 1 - iyx/((1+x^2)s_{N_n})) \, d\sum_{j=1}^{N_n} F_j(x+b_j) - \\ &- \oint_{-\infty}^{\infty} (e^{iyx} - 1 - iyx/(1+x^2)) \, (1+x^2)/x \, dG(x)| > \varepsilon_2] + 2\varepsilon_1 + 2\varepsilon_2, \quad n \ge 1. \end{split}$$

Let now $K_1>1$ and ε be arbitrary positive numbers and let n_1 be such that for every $n\geq n_1$

$$P[|\sum_{j=1}^{N_n} (b_j + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x/(1+x^2) \, dF_j(x+b_j) - a_j)/s_{N_n} - \gamma| > \varepsilon/(9K_1)] \le \varepsilon/9.$$

Now we put K_2 such that for every $n \ge n_1$

$$P[|s_{N_n}/s_n| > K_2] \le \varepsilon/9,$$

and n_2 such that for every $n \ge n_2$

$$P[\sup_{|y| < K_1 K_2} | \oint_{-\infty}^{\infty} (e^{iyx/s_{N_n}} - 1 - iyx/((1+x^2)s_{N_n})) d \sum_{j=1}^{N_n} F_j(x+b_j) - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (e^{iyx} - 1 - iyx/(1+x^2)) (1+x^2)/x \, dG(x)| > \varepsilon/9] \le \varepsilon/9.$$

Thus for every $n \ge \max(n_1, n_2)$

$$\sup_{|t| < K_1} J_n(t) \le \varepsilon/9 + 2\varepsilon/9 + 2\varepsilon/9 + 2\varepsilon/9 + 2\varepsilon/9 = \varepsilon,$$

which ends the proof.

4. Proofs.

PROOF OF THEOREM 1: At first we prove that $(2.6) \Rightarrow (2.7)$. Let $\{U_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables and independent of $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ and such that

$$\int e^{itx} \mathfrak{L}(U_n) (dx) = \exp\{it(b_n + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x/(1+x^2) F_n(dx+b_n)) + \oint (e^{itx} - 1 - itx/(1+x^2)) F_n(dx+b_n)\},\$$

where

$$b_n = \int_{|x|<1} x \, dF_n(x), \quad F_n(x) = P[X_n < x], \quad n \ge 1$$

By Lemma 1 we may and do assume that $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$ and $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ are independent. Note that by Theorem 4 [7, Chapter IV, §2, p. 115] and Lemma 5, the assumptions of Lemma 7 hold. By Lemma 7 it is enough to prove that

$$I_n(t) = |E \exp\{it(V_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n\} - E \exp\{it(S_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n\}| \to 0, \text{ as } n \to \infty,$$

uniformly on compact sets with respect to t, where

$$V_n = \sum_{j=1}^n U_j.$$

Let C and ε be arbitrary positive numbers. Let $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that

$$P[N_n < \alpha(n)] < \varepsilon/3,$$

for every $n \ge n_1$. Here, and in what follows, $\{\alpha(n), n \ge 1\}$ is defined in Lemma 5. By (2.6) we may put C_{ε} such that

$$P[|s_{N_n}/s_n| > C_{\varepsilon}] \le \varepsilon/3,$$

for every $n \ge n_1$. By (3.5) and (3.6) it is possible to choose $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\sup_{|u|\alpha(n)} |E\exp\{iu(S_j-L_j)/s_j\} - E\exp\{iu(V_j-L_j)/s_j\}| < \varepsilon/3,$$

for every $n \ge n_2$. Thus

$$\sup_{|yt| < C} I_n(t) \leq \int_{0 < x < C_{\varepsilon}} \sup_{|t| < C} \sup_{j: j > \alpha(n)} |E \exp\{itx(S_j - L_j)/s_j\} - E \exp\{itx(V_j - L_j)/s_j\}| + P[N_n < \alpha(n)] + P[s_{N_n}/s_n > C_{\varepsilon}] < \varepsilon, \text{ for } n > \max(n_1, n_2).$$

Since the left hand side of the above inequality is independent of ε , we have

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \sup_{|t| < C} I_n(t) = 0.$$

Thus the proof that $(2.6) \Rightarrow (2.7)$ is ended.

Assume now that (2.7) holds. Then, by Lemma 3, the sequence $\{s_{N_n}/s_n, n \ge 1\}$ is tight. Moreover, by Lemma 1 and Lemma 4, the sequence $\{(Z_{N_n}-L_n)/s_n, n \ge 1\}$ and $\{(Z_{N_n}-L_{N_n})/s_n, n \ge 1\}$ are tight, too, where $\{Z_n, n \ge 1\}$ is the sequence defined in Lemma 1. Thus by Lemma 2 (a) the sequence $\{(L_{N_n}-L_n)/s_n, n \ge 1\}$ is also tight, so that Lemma 2 (c) implies the tightness of the sequence $\{(s_{N_n}/s_n, (L_{N_n}-L_n)/s_n), n \ge 1\}$.

PROOF OF THEOREM 2: The implication $(2.14) \Rightarrow (2.15)$ can be proved similarly as the implication (2.5), $(2.6) \Rightarrow (2.7)$. In this case, let $\{U_n, n \ge 1\}$ be a sequence of independent random variables and independent of $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$ and such that $\mathfrak{L}(U_n) = G_{\alpha,(c_{1,n}-c_{2,n})e_2,0,(c_{1,n}+c_{2,n})e_1}(\cdot), n \ge 1$, then

$$\begin{split} E \exp\{it(\sum_{j=1}^{N_n} U_j - L_n)/s_n\} &= E \exp\{-|t|^{\alpha}(s_{N_n}^{\alpha}/s_n^{\alpha} + i\operatorname{sgn}(t)\omega(\alpha,\beta_{N_n}/s_n^{\alpha},t)) + \\ &+ it(L_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n\} = E \exp\{-|t|^{\alpha}(s_{N_n}^{\alpha}/s_n^{\alpha} + i\operatorname{sgn}(t)(\beta_n/s_n^{\alpha})\omega(\alpha,1,t)) - \\ &- |t|^{\alpha}i\operatorname{sgn}(t)((\beta_{N_n} - \beta_n)/s_n^{\alpha})\omega(\alpha,1,t) + it(L_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n\} \to \\ &\to \int \iint_{\mathbb{R}^3} \exp\{-|t|^{\alpha}(x + i\operatorname{sgn}(t)\omega(\alpha,\beta,t)) - \\ &- |t|^{\alpha}i\operatorname{sgn}(t)\omega(\alpha,1,t)y + itz\} A(dx,dy,dz), \end{split}$$

as $n \to \infty$. We omit further details.

The second part of Theorem 2 can also be obtained similarly as the second part of Theorem 1. Namely, as in Theorem 1, we prove that the sequence $\{(s_{N_n}/s_n, (L_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n), n \ge 1\}$ is tight. Thus the sequence $\{(s_{N_n}^{\alpha}/s_n^{\alpha}, (L_{N_n} - L_n)/s_n), n \ge 1\}$ is tight, too. Now (2.15) follows, if we show that the sequence $\{(\beta_{N_n} - \beta_n)/s_n^{\alpha}, n \ge 1\}$ is tight. But this fact follows from the tightness of the sequence $\{s_{N_n}^{\alpha}/s_n^{\alpha}, n \ge 1\}$. Namely, we have

$$|\beta_n/s_n^{\alpha}| \le 1, \quad |\beta_{N_n}/s_{N_n}^{\alpha}| \le 1$$
 a.s.

and

$$|\beta_{N_n} - \beta_n|/s_n^{\alpha} \le s_{N_n}^{\alpha}/s_n^{\alpha} + 1$$
 a.s.

Hence the proof of Theorem 2 is completed.

PROOF OF THEOREM 3: The implication $(2.21) \Rightarrow (2.22)$ follows from the first part of Theorem 1 as the Gaussian law is the special case of Levy laws. The tightness of sequence defined on the left hand side of (2.21) follows from Theorem 1, too. Assume that

$$(s_{N_{n'}}/s_{n'},(L_{N_{n'}}-L_{n'})/s_{n'}) \xrightarrow{D} A'(\cdot,\cdot)$$
 as $n' \to \infty$

and

$$(s_{N_{n^{\prime\prime}}}/s_{n^{\prime\prime}},(L_{N_{n^{\prime\prime}}}-L_{n^{\prime\prime}})/s_{n^{\prime\prime}}) \xrightarrow{D} A^{\prime\prime}(\cdot,\cdot) \text{ as } n^{\prime\prime} \to \infty.$$

Then applying two times the implication (2.21) \Rightarrow (2.22), which is already proved, we get

$$\widehat{\Psi}(t) = \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} \exp(-t^2 x/2 + ity) A'(dx, \, dy) = \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} \exp(-t^2 x/2 + ity) A''(dx, \, dy).$$

By Lemma 6, A' = A'', which ends the proof of Theorem 3.

Corollaries 1, 2 and 3 easily follow from Theorems 2 and 3, respectively. We note only that if

$$(N_n - n)/n^{1/\alpha} \xrightarrow{D}$$
 (some) $A(\cdot)$, as $n \to \infty$, $0 < \alpha < 2$,

then

$$N_n/n \xrightarrow{P} 1$$
, as $n \to \infty$.

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