

# ON A RENEWAL THEOREM

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**1. Introduction.** Let  $X_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ) be independent random variables having the mean value  $m$ , and pnt  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . So-called renewal theorem which is of the type as

$$(1.1) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(x < S_n \leq x + h) = \frac{h}{m}$$

was proved by Feller [6, 7], Täcklind [12], Doob [5], Blackwell [1, 2], Chung-Pollard [3], Cox [4], Smith [4, 11], Karlin [8], etc., in the case  $X_i$  identically distributed under the various conditions.

Recently, Prof. T. Kawata [9] showed (1.1) replacing  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty}$  by  $\lim_{\xi \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\xi} \cdot \int_{-\infty}^{\xi} \dots dx$  and  $m$  by  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i)/n$  which is assumed to exist in the case, where  $X_i$  are not necessarily identical. In this paper, roughly speaking, we shall discuss the limit of  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (n - x/m) P(x < S_n \leq x + h)$  in the same case as [9] by the method analogous to it.

Now, Prof. Kawata [10] discussed the convergence of

$$(1.2) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \{P(x < S_n \leq x + h) - P(x < S_{n+1} \leq x + h)\}.$$

Of course  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n P(x < S_n \leq x + h)$  diverges. Our theorem will show the appearance of its divergence in a sense.

For convenience's sake, we shall devote sections 2 and 3 for preparations.

**2. Notations and assumptions.** Let  $X_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ) be independent random variables having the distributions  $F_i(x)$ , and let us put

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i.$$

Suppose that

$$(2.1) \quad 0 < E(X_i) = m_i < \infty,$$

$$(2.2) \quad E(X_i^2) = v'_i < \infty,$$

$$(2.3) \quad M_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n m_i \rightarrow m \quad (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

$$(2.4) \quad V'_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n v'_i \rightarrow v' \quad (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

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and

$$(2.5) \quad V_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n v_i \rightarrow v \quad (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

where

$$(2.6) \quad E(X_i - m_i)^2 = v_i' - m_i^2 = v_i.$$

Moreover

$$(2.7) \quad \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_A^\infty x^2 dF_i(x) = 0,$$

uniformly with respect to  $i$  and there exists an  $s_0$  such that

$$(2.8) \quad \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-A}^{-\infty} e^{-sv} dF_i(x) = 0,$$

uniformly with respect to  $i$  for  $0 < s \leq s_0$ .

The distribution function of  $S_n$  will be denoted by  $\sigma_n(x)$ , i. e.,

$$(2.9) \quad \sigma_n(x) = F_1(x) * F_2(x) * \dots * F_n(x).$$

Furthermore, we shall put

$$(2.10) \quad f_i(s) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-sv} dF_i(x),$$

$$(2.11) \quad \varphi_n(s) = \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-sv} d\sigma_n(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_i(s),$$

and

$$(2.12) \quad \psi_n(s) = n\varphi_n(s) + \frac{1}{M_n} \varphi_n'(s).$$

**3. Lemmas.** Lemma 1 was given in [9] and we shall omit the proof.

LEMMA 1. Let  $g(t) \geq 0$ ,

$$(3.1) \quad \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{-st} g(t) dt < \infty \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq s_0,$$

and

$$(3.2) \quad \int_{-\infty}^\infty e^{-st} g(t) dt \sim \frac{A}{s^\gamma} \quad \text{as } s \rightarrow 0,$$

for some positive  $\gamma > 0$ , then

$$(3.3) \quad \int_{-\infty}^t g(u) du \sim \frac{At^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma + 1)} \quad \text{as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

LEMMA 2. Under the condition (2.3) ~ (2.8), there exist the numbers  $s_\varepsilon, N$ , for arbitrary small  $\varepsilon > 0$ , such that

$$(3.4) \quad \{(1 - \varepsilon)\varphi(s)\}^n \leq \varphi_n(s) \leq \{(1 + \varepsilon)\varphi(s)\}^n \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq s_0, n > N,$$

where  $\varphi(s)$  is a bilateral Laplace transform  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-s\sigma} d\sigma(x)$  of a suitable distribution function  $\sigma(x)$ .

*Proof.* From (2.7) and (2.9), there exists a constant  $C_1$  independent of  $i$  such that

$$(3.5) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 dF_i(x) < C_1.$$

Let  $\varepsilon$  be any given positive number. Take  $A$  so large that

$$(3.6) \quad \int_A^{\infty} x^2 dF_i(x) < \varepsilon, \quad \int_{-\infty}^{-A} x^2 e^{-s_0 x} dF_i(x) < \varepsilon.$$

Now we determine  $s_1$  so that

$$(3.7) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{-A} x^2 e^{-s x} dF_i(x) < \int_{-\infty}^{-A} e^{-s_0 x} dF_i(x) < \varepsilon \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq s_1 < s_0.$$

Further, we take  $s_2$  so that

$$(3.8) \quad |1 - e^{sA}| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq s_2 \leq s_1.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} f_i(s) &= f_i(0) + s f_i'(0) + \frac{s^2}{2} f_i''(\theta s) \\ &= 1 - s m_i + \frac{s^2}{2} v_i' + \frac{s^2}{2} [f_i''(\theta s) - f_i''(0)], \quad 0 < \theta < 1, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |f_i''(\theta s) - f_i''(0)| &\leq \left| \left( \int_{|x|>A} + \int_{|x|\leq A} \right) (e^{-\theta s x} - 1) x^2 dF_i(x) \right| \\ &\leq \int_{x>A} x^2 dF_i(x) + \int_{x<-A} x^2 e^{-s x} dF_i(x) + \int_{|x|\leq A} (e^{sA} - 1) x^2 dF_i(x) \\ &< \varepsilon + \varepsilon + (e^{sA} - 1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 dF_i(x) < \varepsilon(2 + C_1). \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} f_i(s) &= 1 - s m_i + \frac{s^2}{2} v_i' + \frac{s^2}{2} \eta_i, \\ |\eta_i| &< \varepsilon(2 + C_1) \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq s_2 \end{aligned}$$

uniformly with respect to  $i$ . Write

$$(3.10) \quad \begin{cases} \log f_i(s) = \log \left( 1 - s m_i + \frac{s^2}{2} v_i' + \frac{s^2}{2} \eta_i \right) \\ = -s m_i + \frac{s^2}{2} v_i' + \frac{s^2}{2} \eta_i - \frac{1}{2} \left( s m_i - \frac{s^2}{2} v_i' - \frac{s^2}{2} \eta_i \right)^2 - \dots \end{cases}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} &= -sm_i + \frac{s^2}{2}(v'_i - m_i^2) + \frac{s^2}{2}\xi_i. \end{aligned} \right.$$

Then there exists an  $s_3$  such that

$$(3.11) \quad |\xi_i| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq s_3 \quad \text{uniformly for } i,$$

noticing that  $m_i, v_i$  are uniformly bounded.

Now we have

$$(3.12) \quad \begin{aligned} \log \varphi_n(s) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log f_i(s) = -snM_n + \frac{ns^2}{2}V_n + \frac{s^2}{2}\sum_{i=1}^n \xi_i, \\ &= n\left(-sM_n + \frac{s^2}{2}V_n + \frac{s^2}{2}\bar{\xi}_n\right). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\sigma(x)$  be a distribution function with mean  $m$  and variance  $v$ ;  $m, v$  being those defined in (2.3) and (2.5) and let its bilateral Laplace transform be  $\varphi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sx} d\sigma(x)$  which is assumed to exist. Then we have

$$(3.13) \quad \begin{aligned} \log \varphi^n(s) &= n \log \varphi(s) \\ &= n \left[ \log(1 + s\varphi'(0)) + \frac{s^2}{2}\varphi''(0) + \frac{s^2}{2}[\varphi''(\theta s) - \varphi''(0)] \right] \\ &= n\left(-sm + \frac{s^2}{2}v + \frac{s^2}{2}\delta\right), \\ & \quad |\delta| < \varepsilon \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq s_4. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, we have

$$(3.14) \quad \begin{aligned} |\log \varphi_n(s) - \log \varphi^n(s)| &= n \left| -s(M_n - m) + \frac{s^2}{2}(V_n - v) + \frac{s^2}{2}(\bar{\xi}_n - \delta) \right| \\ &\leq n\varepsilon \log(1 + s) \quad \text{for } n > N, \end{aligned}$$

and there exists an  $s_5$  such as

$$(1 + s)^\varepsilon < \frac{1}{1 - \varepsilon} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq s \leq s_5.$$

This implies (3.4) directly.

LEMMA 3. Under the conditions (2.1), (2.3), (2.8) and that

$$(3.15) \quad \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} \int_A^\infty x dF_i(x) = 0$$

(uniformly with respect to  $i$ ) the following relation holds:

$$(3.16) \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{M_n} \varphi_n(s) = \frac{1}{m^2}.$$

*Proof.* Since  $M_n \rightarrow m$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ),  $C_2 > M_n > C_3 > 0$ , using the fact that for

given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exist an  $N$  and an  $s_6$  such that

$$(3.17) \quad \begin{aligned} \varphi_n(s) &= e^{-su(m+\delta_n+\rho_n)}, \\ |\delta_n| &< \varepsilon && \text{for } n > N, \\ |\rho_n| &< \varepsilon && 0 \leq s \leq s_6, \end{aligned}$$

which were given in Lemma 2 of [9], we have

$$(3.18) \quad \begin{aligned} s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi_n(s)}{M_n} &= s \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\varphi_n(s)}{M_n} + s \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi_n(s)}{M_n} \\ &\leq \frac{s}{C_3} N + s \cdot \frac{1}{m-\varepsilon} \cdot \frac{1}{(m-2\varepsilon)s}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus noticing that  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary, we get

$$(3.19) \quad \limsup_{s \rightarrow 0} s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi_n(s) \leq \frac{1}{m^2}.$$

Similarly since

$$s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi_n(s)}{M_n} \geq s \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi_n(s)}{M_n} \geq \frac{s}{m+\varepsilon} \left( \frac{1}{(m+2\varepsilon)s} - N \right),$$

we get

$$(3.20) \quad \liminf_{s \rightarrow 0} s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi_n(s)}{M_n} \geq \frac{1}{m^2},$$

which, with (3.19), proves the lemma.

LEMMA 4. Under the conditions (2.3)  $\sim$  (2.8),

$$(3.21) \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi_n(s) = \frac{v'}{m^3},$$

$\psi_n(s)$  being the one in (2.12).

*Proof.* Since, using (3.10),

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'_n(s) &= \varphi_n(s) \sum_{i=1}^n (\log f_i(s))' \\ &= n\varphi_n(s) [-M_n + sV_n + sE_n], \end{aligned}$$

(3.4) will give the following relation:

$$(3.22) \quad n(\varphi(s) - \varepsilon)^{n-1}(\varphi'(s) - \varepsilon) \leq \varphi'_n(s) \leq n(\varphi(s) + \varepsilon)^{n-1}(\varphi'(s) + \varepsilon),$$

for  $0 \leq s \leq s_6, n > N_1$ .

And by Lemma 2, for  $0 \leq s \leq s_5, n > N_2$ , (3.4) holds, then we have

$$(3.23) \quad \psi_n(s) \leq \frac{n}{M_n} \{M_n(\varphi(s) + \varepsilon) + \varphi'(s) + \varepsilon\} \{\varphi(s) + \varepsilon\}^{n-1}.$$

On the other hand, there exist  $N_3$  and  $N_4$  such that

$$(3.24) \quad m - \varepsilon < M_n < m + \varepsilon \quad \text{for } n > N_3,$$

$$(3.25) \quad n - \frac{x}{m - \varepsilon} > 0 \quad \text{for } n > N_4.$$

Putting as

$$(3.26) \quad N = \max(N_1, N_2, N_3, N_4),$$

for  $n > N$ , we have

$$(3.27) \quad \begin{aligned} s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi_n(s) &= s \sum_{n=1}^N \psi_n(s) + s \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \psi_n(s) \\ &\leq \frac{sN(N+1)}{2} C_4 \\ &\quad + \frac{s^2}{m - \varepsilon} \frac{(m + \varepsilon)(\varphi(s) + \varepsilon) + (\varphi'(s) + \varepsilon)}{s} \cdot \frac{1}{(1 - \varphi(s) - \varepsilon)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_4 \geq |\psi_n(s)|$  ( $n \leq N$ ). Now,

$$(3.28) \quad \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{m\varphi(s) + \varphi'(s)}{s} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{\varphi'(s) - \varphi'(0)}{s} = \varphi''(0) = v'.$$

And since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary, we get

$$(3.29) \quad \limsup_{s \rightarrow 0} s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi_n(s) \leq \frac{v'}{m^3}.$$

Similarly for  $n > N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi_n(s) &= s \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} \psi_n(s) + s \sum_{n=1}^N \psi_n(s) \\ &\geq s^2 \frac{1}{m + \varepsilon} \cdot \frac{(m - \varepsilon)(\varphi(s) - s) + \varphi'(s) - \varepsilon}{s} \cdot \frac{1}{(1 - \varphi(s) + \varepsilon)^2} \\ &\quad - \frac{sN(N+1)}{2} C_4 \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$(3.30) \quad \liminf_{s \rightarrow 0} s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \varphi_n(s) \geq \frac{v'}{m^3}.$$

From (3.29) and (3.30) we have (3.21).

**4. Theorem.** Using these lemmas we shall prove the following

**THEOREM.** *If (2.3) ~ (2.8) hold, then*

$$(4.1) \quad \lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{X} \int_{-\infty}^X dx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left( n - \frac{x}{M_n} \right) \mathbf{P}(x < S_n \leq x + h) = \frac{h}{m^2} \left( \frac{v'}{m} - \frac{h}{2} \right).$$

*Proof.* We shall put

$$(4.2) \quad G_N = \sum_{n=1}^N \left( n - \frac{x}{M_n} \right) P(x < S_n \leq x + h)$$

and form

$$(4.3) \quad \begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sv} dG_N(x) &= \sum_{n=1}^N \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sv} d\{\sigma_n(x+h) - \sigma_n(x)\} \left( n - \frac{x}{M_n} \right) \right] \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( n - \frac{x}{M_n} \right) e^{-sv} d\sigma_n(x+h) - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( n - \frac{x}{M_n} \right) e^{-sv} d\sigma_n(x) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{M_n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sv} \sigma_n(x+h) dx + \frac{1}{M_n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sv} \sigma_n(x) dx \right] \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^N \left[ (e^{sh} - 1) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sv} \left( n - \frac{x}{M_n} \right) d\sigma_n(x) - \frac{(e^{sh} - 1)}{M_n} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sv} \sigma_n(x) dx \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{h}{M_n} e^{sh} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sv} d\sigma_n(x) \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Now, by integration by parts

$$(4.4) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sv} \sigma_n(x) dx = -\frac{1}{s} \left[ e^{-sv} \sigma_n(x) \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} + \frac{1}{s} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sv} d\sigma_n(x),$$

and the first term on the right hand of (4.4) is 0 according to (2.8). For,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{-A} e^{-sv} d\sigma_n(x) \rightarrow 0 \quad (A \rightarrow \infty),$$

and

$$\int_{-\infty}^{-A} e^{-sv} d\sigma_n(x) = \left[ e^{-sv} \sigma_n(x) \right]_{-\infty}^{-A} + s \int_{-\infty}^{-A} e^{-sv} \sigma_n(x) dx,$$

where the both terms on right hand are non-negative. And hence

$$(4.5) \quad \lim_{A \rightarrow \infty} e^{sA} \sigma_n(-A) = 0.$$

Therefore (4.3) implies

$$(4.6) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sv} dG_N(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N \left[ (e^{sh} - 1) \left( \psi_n(s) - \frac{1}{M_n s} \varphi_n(s) \right) + \frac{h}{M_n} e^{sh} \varphi_n(s) \right].$$

Since  $\sum \psi_n(s)$  and  $\sum \varphi_n(s)$  are convergent by Lemma 3 and Lemma 4,

$$(4.7) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sv} dG_N(x)$$

exists, and we have

$$(4.8) \quad \begin{aligned} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sv} dG_N(x) &= (e^{sh} - 1) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \psi_n(s) + \frac{1 - e^{sh} + h e^{sh}}{s} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi_n(s)}{M_n} \\ &\sim h \cdot \frac{v'}{m^3} - \frac{h^2}{2m^2} \quad (s \rightarrow 0). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-sx} G_N(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-sx} \sum_{n=1}^N \left( n - \frac{x}{M_n} \right) P(x < S_n \leq x + h) \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-sx} \sum_{n=1}^N \left( n - \frac{x}{M_n} \right) P(S_n \leq x + h) \\
(4.9) \quad &- \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-sx} \sum_{n=1}^N \left( n - \frac{x}{M_n} \right) P(S_n \leq x) \\
&= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (e^{sh} - 1) e^{-sx} K_N(x) + \frac{h}{M_n} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (e^{-sx} H_N(x))
\end{aligned}$$

holds, where we denote

$$\begin{aligned}
K_N(x) &= \sum_{n=1}^N \left( n - \frac{x}{M_n} \right) P(S_n \leq x), \\
H_N(x) &= \sum_{n=1}^N P(S_n \leq x).
\end{aligned}$$

In the proof of theorem in [9],

$$(4.10) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-sx} H_N(x) = 0$$

was showed. So we shall show a similar relation concerning  $K_N(x)$ . From Lemma 4  $\sum \psi_n(s)$  converges, so we can put as

$$\psi_n(s) < C_4,$$

and get

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sx} dK_N(x) = \sum_{n=1}^N \psi_n(s) < NC_4.$$

By an argument analogous to [9], we have

$$(4.11) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-sx} K_N(x) = 0.$$

Combining (4.7), (4.10) and (4.11) we get

$$(4.12) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{-sx} G_N(x) = 0.$$

And then

$$(4.13) \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sx} dG_N(x) = s \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sx} G_N(x) dx.$$

Since  $G_N(x)$  increases as  $N \rightarrow \infty$  and tends to a non-decreasing function, the existence of the limit (4.7), together with (4.13), shows that

$$(4.14) \quad \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sx} G_N(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sx} G(x) dx$$

exists for  $0 \leq s \leq s_6$ , and

$$(4.15) \quad s \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sx} G(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sx} dG(x)$$

exists. Combining (4.8) and (4.15) we have

$$(4.16) \quad s \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-sx} G(x) dx \sim \frac{hv'}{m^3} - \frac{h^2}{2m^2}.$$

Thus by Lemma 1 we get

$$\int_{-\infty}^x G(x) dx \sim X \cdot \frac{h}{m^2} \left( \frac{v'}{m} - \frac{h}{2} \right)$$

which proves the theorem.

**COROLLARY.** *If the conditions in 2 are satisfied,*

$$(4.17) \quad \frac{1}{X} \int_{-\infty}^x dx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n P(x < S_n \leq x + h) \sim \frac{X \cdot h}{2m^2} \quad (X \rightarrow \infty).$$

*Proof.* Since by Theorem in [9],

$$(4.18) \quad \frac{1}{X} \int_{-\infty}^x dx \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x}{M_n} P(x < S_n \leq x + h) \sim \frac{X \cdot h}{2m^2},$$

(4.17) is immediate from (4.1).

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