

Asymptotics of trimmed CUSUM statistics

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There is a wide literature on change point tests, but the case of variables with infinite variances is essentially unexplored. In this paper we address this problem by studying the asymptotic behavior of trimmed CUSUM statistics. We show that in a location model with i.i.d. errors in the domain of attraction of a stable law of parameter $0 < \alpha < 2$, the appropriately trimmed CUSUM process converges weakly to a Brownian bridge. Thus, after moderate trimming, the classical method for detecting change points remains valid also for populations with infinite variance. We note that according to the classical theory, the partial sums of trimmed variables are generally not asymptotically normal and using random centering in the test statistics is crucial in the infinite variance case. We also show that the partial sums of truncated and trimmed random variables have different asymptotic behavior. Finally, we discuss resampling procedures which enable one to determine critical values in the case of small and moderate sample sizes.

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1. Introduction

In this paper we are interested in detecting a possible change in the location of independent observations. We observe X_1, \dots, X_n and want to test the no change null hypothesis

$H_0: X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ are independent, identically distributed random variables

against the r changes alternative

$$H_A: X_j = \begin{cases} e_j, & 1 \leq j \leq n_1, \\ e_j + c_1, & n_1 < j \leq n_2, \\ e_j + c_2, & n_2 < j \leq n_3, \\ \vdots & \\ e_j + c_r, & n_r < j \leq n. \end{cases}$$

It is assumed that

$$e_1, \dots, e_n \text{ are independent, identically distributed random variables,} \quad (1.1)$$

that $c_0 = 0$, $c_i \neq c_{i+1}$, $i = 0, \dots, r - 1$, and that $1 \leq n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_r < n$ are unknown. In our model, the changes are at time n_j , $1 \leq j \leq r$. Testing H_0 against H_A has been considered by several authors. For surveys, we refer to Brodsky and Darkhovsky [7], Chen and Gupta [8] and Csörgő and Horvath [9]. If the observations have finite expected value, then the model is referred to as *changes in the mean*.

Several of the most popular methods are based on the functionals of the CUSUM process (tied down partial sums)

$$M_n(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor nt \rfloor} X_j - \frac{\lfloor nt \rfloor}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j.$$

If H_0 holds and $0 < \sigma^2 = \text{var } X_1 < \infty$, then

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} M_n(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}[0,1]} \sigma B(t), \tag{1.2}$$

where $\{B(t), 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$ is a Brownian bridge. If $\hat{\sigma}_n$ is a weakly consistent estimator for σ , that is, $\hat{\sigma}_n \rightarrow \sigma$ in probability, then

$$\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_n \sqrt{n}} M_n(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}[0,1]} B(t). \tag{1.3}$$

Functionals of (1.3) can be used to find asymptotically distribution-free procedures to test H_0 against H_A . The limit results in (1.2) and (1.3) have been extended in several directions. Due to applications in economics, finance, meteorology, environmental sciences and quality control, several authors have studied the properties of $M_n(t)$ and especially (1.3) for dependent observations. For relevant references, we refer to Horváth and Steinebach [20]. The case of vector-valued dependent observations is considered in Horváth, Kokoszka and Steinebach [19]. We note that in the case of dependent observations, $\sigma^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{var}(n^{-1/2} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j)$, so the estimation of σ is considerably harder than in the i.i.d. case (see Bartlett [3], Grenander and Rosenblatt [13] and Parzen [30]). The rate of convergence in (1.3) may be slow, so the asymptotic critical values might be misleading; hence, resampling methods have been advocated in Hušková [21]. With very few exceptions, it has been assumed that at least EX_j^2 is finite. In this paper we are interested in testing H_0 against H_A when $EX_j^2 = \infty$.

We assume that

$$X_1, X_2, \dots \text{ belong to the domain of attraction of a stable random variable } \xi_\alpha \tag{1.4}$$

with parameter $0 < \alpha < 2$

and

$$X_j \text{ is symmetric when } \alpha = 1. \tag{1.5}$$

This means that

$$\left(\sum_{j=1}^n X_j - a_n \right) / b_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} \xi_\alpha \tag{1.6}$$

for some numerical sequences a_n and b_n . The necessary and sufficient conditions for (1.6) are

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P\{X_1 > t\}}{L(t)t^{-\alpha}} = p \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P\{X_1 \leq -t\}}{L(t)t^{-\alpha}} = q \tag{1.7}$$

for some numbers $p \geq 0, q \geq 0$ with $p + q = 1$ and where L is a slowly varying function at ∞ .

Aue *et al.* [2] studied the properties of $M_n(t)$ under conditions H_0 , (1.4) and (1.5). They used $\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |X_j|$ as the normalization of $M_n(t)$ and showed that

$$\frac{1}{\gamma_n} M_n(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}[0,1]} \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}} B_\alpha(t), \quad \gamma_n = \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |X_j|. \tag{1.8}$$

Here, $B_\alpha(t) = W_\alpha(t) - tW_\alpha(1)$ is an α -stable bridge, $W_\alpha(t)$ is an α -stable process (see also Kasahara and Watanabe [22], Section 9) and \mathcal{Z} is a random norming factor whose joint distribution with $W_\alpha(t)$ is described in [2] explicitly. Nothing is known about the distribution of the functionals of $B_\alpha(t)/\mathcal{Z}$ and therefore it is nearly impossible to determine critical values needed to construct asymptotic test procedures. Hence, resampling methods (bootstrap and permutation) have been tried. However, it was proven that the conditional distribution of the resampled $M_n(t)/\gamma_n$, given X_1, \dots, X_n , converges in distribution to a non-degenerate random process depending also on the trajectory (X_1, X_2, \dots) . So, resampling cannot be recommended to obtain asymptotic critical values. This result was obtained by Aue *et al.* [2] for permutation resampling and by Athreya [1], Hall [18] and Berkes *et al.* [4] for the bootstrap. No efficient procedure has been found to test H_0 against H_A when $EX_j^2 = \infty$.

The reason for the ‘bad’ behavior of the CUSUM statistics described above is the influence of the large elements of the sample. It is known that for i.i.d. random variables X_1, X_2, \dots in the domain of attraction of a non-normal stable law, the j th largest element of $|X_1|, \dots, |X_n|$ has, for any fixed j , the same order of magnitude as the sum $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Thus, the influence of the large elements in the CUSUM functional does not become negligible as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and, consequently, the limiting behavior of the CUSUM statistics along different trajectories (X_1, X_2, \dots) is different, rendering this statistics impractical for statistical inference. The natural remedy for this trouble is trimming, that is, removing the $d(n)$ elements with the largest absolute values from the sample, where $d(n)$ is a suitable number with $d(n) \rightarrow \infty, d(n)/n \rightarrow 0$. This type of trimming is usually called *modulus trimming* in the literature. In another type of trimming, some of the largest and smallest order statistics are removed from the sample (see, e.g., Csörgő *et al.* [11,12]). Under suitable conditions, trimming indeed leads to a better asymptotic behavior of partial sums (see, e.g., Mori [27–29], Maller [25,26], Csörgő *et al.* [10–12], Griffin and Pruitt [14,15] and Haeusler and Mason [16,17]). Note, however, that the asymptotic properties of trimmed random variables depend strongly on the type of trimming used. In this paper, trimming means modulus trimming, as introduced above. Griffin and Pruitt [14] showed that even in the case where the X_j belong to the domain of attraction of a symmetric stable law with parameter $0 < \alpha < 2$, the modulus trimmed partial sums need not be asymptotically normal. Theorem 1.5 reveals the reason for this surprising fact: for non-symmetric distributions F , the center of the sample remains, even after modulus trimming, a non-degenerate random variable, and no non-random centering can lead to a central limit theorem. In contrast, a suitable random centering will always work and since the CUSUM functional is not affected by centering factors, even in the case of ‘bad’ partial sum behavior, the trimmed CUSUM functional converges to a Brownian bridge, resulting in a simple and useful change point test.

To formulate our results, consider the trimmed CUSUM process

$$T_n(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor nt \rfloor} X_j I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - \frac{\lfloor nt \rfloor}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1,$$

where $\eta_{n,d}$ is the d th largest value among $|X_1|, \dots, |X_n|$.

Let

$$F(t) = P\{X_1 \leq t\} \quad \text{and} \quad H(t) = P\{|X_1| > t\}.$$

The (generalized) inverse (or quantile) of H is denoted $H^{-1}(t)$. We assume that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(n)/n = 0 \tag{1.9}$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} d(n)/(\log n)^{7+\varepsilon} = \infty \quad \text{with some } \varepsilon > 0. \tag{1.10}$$

For the sake of simplicity (see Mori [27]), we also require that

$$F \text{ is continuous.} \tag{1.11}$$

Let

$$A_n^2 = \frac{\alpha}{2-\alpha} (H^{-1}(d/n))^2 d. \tag{1.12}$$

Our first result states the weak convergence of $T_n(t)/A_n$.

Theorem 1.1. *If H_0 , (1.4), (1.5) and (1.9)–(1.11) hold, then*

$$\frac{1}{A_n} T_n(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}[0,1]} B(t), \tag{1.13}$$

where $\{B(t), 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$ is a Brownian bridge.

Since A_n is unknown, we need to estimate it from the sample. We will use

$$\hat{A}_n^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - \bar{X}_{n,d})^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\sigma}_n^2 = \frac{1}{n} \hat{A}_n^2,$$

where

$$\bar{X}_{n,d} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\}.$$

We note that $\hat{A}_n/A_n \rightarrow 1$ almost surely (see Lemma 4.7).

Theorem 1.2. *If the conditions of Theorem 1.1 are satisfied, then*

$$\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_n \sqrt{n}} T_n(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}[0,1]} B(t). \tag{1.14}$$

In the case of independence and $0 < \sigma^2 = \text{var } X_j < \infty$, we estimate σ^2 by the sample variance. So, the comparison of (1.3) and (1.14) reveals that in case of $EX_j^2 = \infty$, we still use the classical CUSUM procedure; only the extremes are removed from the sample. The finite-sample properties of tests for H_0 against H_A based on (1.14) are investigated in Section 3.

In the case of a given sample, it is difficult to decide if EX_j^2 is finite or infinite. Thus, for applications, it is important to establish Theorem 1.2 when $EX_j^2 < \infty$.

Theorem 1.3. *If H_0 , (1.9), (1.10) and $EX_j^2 < \infty$ are satisfied, then (1.14) holds.*

Combining Theorems 1.2 and 1.3, we see that the CUSUM-based procedures can always be used if the observations with the largest absolute values are removed from the sample.

We now outline the basic idea of the proofs of Theorems 1.1 and 1.2. It was proven by Kiefer [23] (see Shorack and Wellner [33]) that $\eta_{n,d}$ is close to $H^{-1}(d/n)$ and thus it is natural to consider the process obtained from $T_n(t)$ by replacing $\eta_{n,d}$ with $H^{-1}(d/n)$. Let

$$V_n(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor nt \rfloor} (X_j I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} - E(X_j I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}))$$

and

$$V_n^*(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor nt \rfloor} (X_j I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - E(X_j I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\})).$$

Since $V_n(t)$ is a sum of i.i.d. random variables, the classical functional central limit theorem for triangular arrays easily yields the following result.

Theorem 1.4. *If the conditions of Theorem 1.1 are satisfied, then*

$$\frac{1}{A_n} V_n(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}[0,1]} W(t),$$

where $\{W(t), 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$ is a standard Brownian motion (Wiener process).

In view of the closeness of $\eta_{n,d}$ and $H^{-1}(d/n)$, one would expect the asymptotic behavior of $V_n(t)/A_n$ and $V_n^*(t)/A_n$ to be the same. Surprisingly, this is not the case. Let

$$m(t) = E[X_1 I\{|X_1| \leq t\} - X_1 I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}], \quad t \geq 0.$$

Theorem 1.5. *If the conditions of Theorem 1.1 are satisfied, then*

$$\frac{1}{A_n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^k [X_j (I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}) - m(\eta_{n,d})] \right| = o_P(1).$$

By Theorem 1.5, the asymptotic properties of the partial sums of trimmed and truncated variables would be the same if $n|m(\eta_{n,d})| = o_P(A_n)$ were true. However, this is not always the case, as the following example shows.

Example 1.1. Assume that X_1 is concentrated on $(0, +\infty)$ and has a continuous density f which is regularly varying at ∞ with exponent $-(\alpha + 1)$ for some $0 < \alpha < 2$. Then,

$$\frac{nm(\eta_{n,d})}{B_n} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} N(0, 1),$$

where

$$B_n = \frac{\alpha d^{3/2}}{nH'(H^{-1}(d/n))}.$$

We conjecture that the centering factor $nm(\eta_{n,d})/A_n$ and the partial sum process

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor nt \rfloor} (X_j I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} - E(X_j I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\})), \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1,$$

are asymptotically independent under the conditions of Example 1.1. Hence, by Theorem 1.5 we would have

$$\frac{1}{A_n} \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor nt \rfloor} (X_j I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - c_n) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}[0,1]} W(t) + t \left(\frac{2-\alpha}{\alpha} \right)^{1/2} \xi,$$

where $\{W(t), 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$ and ξ are independent, $W(t)$ is a standard Wiener process, ξ is a standard normal random variable and $c_n = EX_1 I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}$.

In view of Theorem 1.5, the normed partial sum processes of $X_j I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - m(\eta_{n,d})$ and $X_j I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}$ have the same asymptotic behavior and thus the same holds for the corresponding CUSUM processes. By Theorem 1.4, the CUSUM process of $X_j I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}$ converges weakly to the Brownian bridge and the CUSUM process of $X_j I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - m(\eta_{n,d})$ clearly remains the same if we drop the term $m(\eta_{n,d})$. Formally,

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^k X_j I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - \frac{k}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} \right. \\ & \quad \left. - \left(\sum_{j=1}^k X_j I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} - \frac{k}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} \right) \right| \quad (1.15) \\ & \leq 2 \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^k [X_j (I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}) - m(\eta_{n,d})] \right|. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, even though the partial sums of trimmed and truncated variables are asymptotically different due to the presence of the random centering $m(\eta_{n,d})$, the asymptotic distributions of the CUSUM processes of the trimmed and truncated variables are the same.

The proofs of the asymptotic results for $\sum_{j=1}^n X_j I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\}$ in Griffin and Pruitt [14,15], Maller [25,26], Mori [27–29] are based on classical probability theory. Csörgő *et al.* [10–12] and Haeusler and Mason [16] use the weighted approximation of quantile processes to establish the normality of a class of trimmed partial sums. The method of our paper is completely different. We show in Theorem 1.5 that after a suitable random centering, trimmed partial sums can be replaced with truncated ones, reducing the problem to sums of i.i.d. random variables.

2. Resampling methods

Since the convergence in Theorem 1.1 can be slow, critical values in the change point test determined on the basis of the limit distribution may not be appropriate for small sample sizes. To resolve this difficulty, resampling methods can be used to simulate critical values. Let

$$x_j = X_j I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - \bar{X}_{n,d}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n,$$

be the trimmed and centered observations. We select m elements from the set $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ randomly (with or without replacement), resulting in the sample y_1, \dots, y_m . If we select with replacement, the procedure is the bootstrap; if we select without replacement and $m = n$, this is the permutation method (see Hušková [21]). We now define the resampled CUSUM process

$$T_{m,n}(t) = \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor mt \rfloor} y_j - \frac{\lfloor mt \rfloor}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j.$$

We note that, conditionally on X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n , the mean of y_j is 0 and its variance is $\hat{\sigma}_n^2$.

Theorem 2.1. *Assume that the conditions of Theorem 1.1 are satisfied and draw $m = m(n)$ elements y_1, \dots, y_m from the set $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ with or without replacement, where*

$$m = m(n) \rightarrow \infty \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \tag{2.1}$$

and $m(n) \leq n$ in case of selection without replacement. Then, for almost all realizations of X_1, X_2, \dots , we have

$$\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_n \sqrt{m}} T_{m,n}(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}[0,1]} B(t),$$

where $\{B(t), 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$ is a Brownian bridge.

By the results of Aue *et al.* [2] and Berkes *et al.* [4], if we sample from the original (untrimmed) observations, then the CUSUM process converges weakly to a non-Gaussian process containing random parameters and thus the resampling procedure is statistically useless.

If we use resampling to determine critical values in the CUSUM test, we need to study the limit also under the the alternative since in a practical situation we do not know which of H_0 or H_A is valid. As before, we assume that the error terms $\{e_j\}$ are in the domain of attraction of a stable law, that is,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P\{e_1 > t\}}{L(t)t^{-\alpha}} = p \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P\{e_1 \leq -t\}}{L(t)t^{-\alpha}} = q, \tag{2.2}$$

where $p \geq 0, q \geq 0, p + q = 1$ and L is a slowly varying function at ∞ .

Theorem 2.2. *If H_A , (1.1), (1.9)–(1.11), (2.1) and (2.2) hold, then for almost all realizations of X_1, X_2, \dots , we have that*

$$\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}_n \sqrt{m}} T_{m,n}(t) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}[0,1]} B(t),$$

where $\{B(t), 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$ is a Brownian bridge.

In other words, the limiting distribution of the trimmed CUSUM process is the same under H_0 and H_A , and thus the critical values determined by resampling will always work. On the other hand, under H_A , the test statistic $\sup_{0 < t < 1} |T_n(t)|/A_n$ goes to infinity, so using the critical values determined by resampling, we get a consistent test.

We note that Theorems 2.1 and 2.2 remain true if (1.6) is replaced with $EX_j^2 < \infty$. The proofs are similar to that of Theorem 2.1 but much simpler, so no details are given.

3. Simulation study

Consider the model under H_0 with i.i.d. random variables $X_j, j = 1, \dots, n$, having distribution function

$$F(t) = \begin{cases} q(1-t)^{-1.5} & \text{for } t \leq 0, \\ 1 - p(1+t)^{-1.5} & \text{for } t > 0, \end{cases}$$

where $p \geq 0, q \geq 0$ and $p + q = 1$. We trim the samples using $d(n) = \lfloor n^{0.3} \rfloor$. To simulate the critical values, we generate $N = 10^5$ Monte Carlo simulations for each $n \in \{100, 200, 400, 800\}$ according to the model under the no change hypothesis and calculate the values of $\sup_{0 < t < 1} |T_n(t)|/(\hat{\sigma}_n \sqrt{n})$, where $T_n(t)$ and $\hat{\sigma}_n$ are defined in Section 1. The computation of the empirical quantiles yields the estimated critical values. Table 1 summarizes the results for $p = q = 1/2$ and $1 - \alpha = 0.95$.

Table 1. Simulated critical values of $\sup_{0 < t < 1} |T_n(t)|/(\hat{\sigma}_n \sqrt{n})$ for $1 - \alpha = 0.95$

| $n = 100$ | $n = 200$ | $n = 400$ | $n = 800$ | $n = \infty$ |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 1.244 | 1.272 | 1.299 | 1.312 | 1.358 |

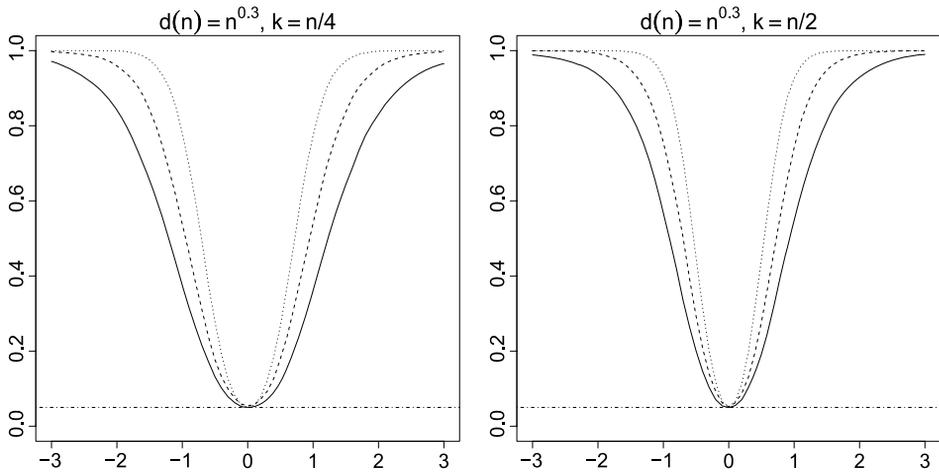


Figure 1. Empirical power curves with $\alpha = 0.05$, $n = 100$ (solid), $n = 200$ (dashed) and $n = 400$ (dotted).

Figure 1 shows the empirical power of the test of H_0 against H_A based on the statistic $\sup_{0 < t < 1} |T_n(t)| / (\hat{\sigma}_n \sqrt{n})$ for a single change at time $k = n_1 \in \{n/4, n/2\}$ and each $c_1 \in \{-3, -2.9, \dots, 2.9, 3\}$ for the same trimming as above ($d(n) = \lfloor n^{0.3} \rfloor$) and a significance level of $1 - \alpha = 0.95$, where the number of repetitions is $N = 10^4$. Note that depending on the sample size, we used different simulated quantiles (see Table 1). The power behaves best for a change point in the middle of the observation period ($k = n/2$). Due to the differences between the simulated and asymptotic critical values in Table 1, especially for small n , the test based on the asymptotic critical values tends to be conservative.

4. Proofs

Throughout this section we assume that H_0 holds. Clearly,

$$H(x) = 1 - F(x) + F(-x), \quad x \geq 0,$$

and by (1.7), we have that

$$H^{-1}(t) = t^{-1/\alpha} K(t), \quad \text{if } t \leq t_0, \tag{4.1}$$

where $K(t)$ is a slowly varying function at 0. We also use

$$d = d(n) \rightarrow \infty. \tag{4.2}$$

Lemma 4.1. *If H_0 , (1.4), (1.5), (1.9) and (4.2) hold, then*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{A_n^2} \text{var } V_n(1) = 1 \tag{4.3}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n E[X_j I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} - E[X_j I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}]]^4 \\ & \times \frac{1}{d(H^{-1}(d/n))^4} = \frac{\alpha}{4 - \alpha}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.4}$$

Proof. If $1 < \alpha < 2$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E X_1 I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} = E X_1.$$

If $\alpha = 1$, then by the assumed symmetry, $E X_1 I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} = 0$. In the case $0 < \alpha < 1$, we write

$$\begin{aligned} E|X_1| I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} &= \int_{-H^{-1}(d/n)}^{H^{-1}(d/n)} |x| dF(x) \\ &= - \int_0^{H^{-1}(d/n)} x dH(x) \\ &= -xH(x)|_{H^{-1}(d/n)} + \int_0^{H^{-1}(d/n)} H(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

By Bingham *et al.* [6], page 26,

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_0^y H(x) dx}{(1/(1 - \alpha))y^{1-\alpha}L(y)} = 1$$

and therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E|X_1| I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}}{(\alpha/(1 - \alpha))H^{-1}(d/n)d/n} = 1.$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} & E X_1^2 I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} \\ &= \int_{-H^{-1}(d/n)}^{H^{-1}(d/n)} x^2 dF(x) \\ &= - \int_0^{H^{-1}(d/n)} x^2 dH(x) = -x^2 H(x)|_{H^{-1}(d/n)} + 2 \int_0^{H^{-1}(d/n)} x H(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Again using [6], page 26, we conclude that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E X_1^2 I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}}{(H^{-1}(d/n))^2 d/n} = \frac{\alpha}{2 - \alpha}.$$

Hence, (4.3) is established.

Arguing as above, we get

$$\begin{aligned} EX_1^4 I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} &= - \int_0^{H^{-1}(d/n)} x^4 dH(x) \\ &= -x^4 H(x)|_{H^{-1}(d/n)} + 4 \int_0^{H^{-1}(d/n)} x^3 H(x) dx \end{aligned}$$

and therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{EX_1^4 I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}}{(H^{-1}(d/n))^4 d/n} = \frac{\alpha}{4 - \alpha}.$$

Similarly,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E|X_1|^3 I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}}{(H^{-1}(d/n))^3 d/n} = \frac{\alpha}{3 - \alpha},$$

completing the proof of (4.4). □

Proof of Theorem 1.4. Clearly, for each n , $X_j I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}$, $1 \leq j \leq n$, are independent and identically distributed random variables. By Lemma 4.1, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n E[X_j I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} - E[X_j I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}]]^4}{(\sum_{j=1}^n \text{var}(X_j I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}))^2} = 0,$$

so the Lyapunov condition is satisfied. Hence, the result follows immediately from Skorokhod [34]. □

A series of lemmas is needed to establish Theorem 1.5. Let $\eta_{n,1} \geq \eta_{n,2} \geq \dots \geq \eta_{n,n}$ denote the order statistics of $|X_1|, \dots, |X_n|$, starting with the largest value.

Lemma 4.2. *If H_0 and (1.11) hold, then*

$$\{H(\eta_{n,k}), 1 \leq k \leq n\} \stackrel{D}{=} \{S_k/S_{n+1}, 1 \leq k \leq n\},$$

where

$$S_k = e_1 + \dots + e_k, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n,$$

and e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n+1} are independent, identically distributed exponential random variables with $Ee_j = 1$.

Proof. The representation in Lemma 4.2 is well known (see, e.g., Shorack and Wellner [33], page 335). □

Let $\eta_{n,d}(j)$ denote the d th largest among $|X_1|, \dots, |X_{j-1}|, |X_{j+1}|, \dots, |X_n|$.

Lemma 4.3. *If H_0 , (1.4), (1.5), (1.9), (1.11) and (2.1) hold, then*

$$\sum_{j=1}^n |X_j(I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}(j)\})| = o_P(A_n).$$

Proof. First, we note that $\eta_{n,d}(j) = \eta_{n,d}$ or $\eta_{n,d}(j) = \eta_{n,d+1}$. Hence,

$$\frac{H(\eta_{n,d})}{H(\eta_{n,d}(j))} \geq \frac{H(\eta_{n,d})}{H(\eta_{n,d+1})}.$$

By Lemma 4.2 and the law of large numbers, we have

$$\frac{H(\eta_{n,d})}{H(\eta_{n,d+1})} \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} \frac{S_d}{S_{d+1}} = \frac{S_d}{S_d + e_{d+1}} = \frac{1}{1 + e_{d+1}/S_d} = 1 + O_P(d^{-1}).$$

Furthermore, by the central limit theorem, we conclude that

$$S_r = r(1 + O_P(r^{-1/2}))$$

and thus

$$H(\eta_{n,d}) = \frac{d}{n}(1 + O_P(d^{-1/2})).$$

Hence, for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a constant $C = C(\varepsilon)$ and an event $A = A(\varepsilon)$ such that $P(A) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$, and on A ,

$$\frac{H(\eta_{n,d})}{H(\eta_{n,d+1})} \geq 1 - \frac{C}{d} \tag{4.5}$$

and

$$H(\eta_{n,d}) \geq \frac{d}{n} \left(1 - \frac{C}{\sqrt{d}}\right). \tag{4.6}$$

We note that $H(|X_j|)$ is uniformly distributed on $[0, 1]$ and is independent of $\eta_{n,d}(j)$. So, using (4.5) and (4.6), we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} & E[|X_j(I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}(j)\})|I\{A\}] \\ &= E[|X_j|I\{\eta_{n,d}(j) \leq |X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\}I\{A\}] \\ &\leq H^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{n}\left(1 - \frac{C}{\sqrt{d}}\right)\right) E[I\{H(\eta_{n,d}) \leq H(|X_j|) \leq H(\eta_{n,d}(j))\}I\{A\}] \\ &\leq H^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{n}\left(1 - \frac{C}{\sqrt{d}}\right)\right) EI\left\{H(\eta_{n,d}(j))\left(1 - \frac{C}{d}\right) \leq H(|X_j|) \leq H(\eta_{n,d}(j))\right\} \\ &\leq H^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{n}\left(1 - \frac{C}{\sqrt{d}}\right)\right) EH(\eta_{n,d}(j))\frac{C}{d} \leq H^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{n}\left(1 - \frac{C}{\sqrt{d}}\right)\right)\frac{d+1}{n+1}\frac{C}{d} \end{aligned}$$

since $H(\eta_{n,d}(j)) \leq H(\eta_{n,d+1})$ and, by Lemma 4.2, we have $EH(\eta_{n,d+1}) = (d + 1)/(n + 1)$. The slow variation and monotonicity of H^{-1} yield

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{H^{-1}((d/n)(1 - C/\sqrt{d}))}{H^{-1}(d/n)} = 1$$

and thus we get that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{A_n} \sum_{j=1}^n E|X_j(I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}(j)\})|I\{A\} = 0.$$

Since we can choose $\varepsilon > 0$ as small as we wish, Lemma 4.3 is proved. □

Lemma 4.4. *If the conditions of Lemma 4.3 are satisfied, then*

$$\frac{1}{A_n} \sum_{j=1}^n |m(\eta_{n,d}) - m(\eta_{n,d}(j))| = o_P(1).$$

Proof. This can be proven along the lines of the proof of Lemma 4.3. □

Let

$$\xi_j = X_j(I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}(j)\} - I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(n/d)\}) - m(\eta_{n,d}(j)).$$

Lemma 4.5. *If the conditions of Theorem 1.1 are satisfied, then there is an $a > 0$ such that for all $\tau > 1/\alpha$ and $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$,*

$$E\xi_j = 0, \tag{4.7}$$

$$E\xi_j^2 = E\xi_1^2 = \mathcal{O}((H^{-1}(d/n))^2(d^{1/2+\varepsilon}/n) + n^{2\tau} \exp(-ad^{2\varepsilon})), \tag{4.8}$$

$$E\xi_i \xi_j = E\xi_1 \xi_2 = \mathcal{O}((H^{-1}(d/n))^2(d^{1/2+3\varepsilon}/n^2) + n^{2\tau} \exp(-ad^{2\varepsilon})) \tag{4.9}$$

for $1 \leq j \leq n$ and $1 \leq i < j \leq n$, respectively.

Proof. It follows from the independence of X_j and $\eta_{n,d}(j)$ that

$$E\xi_j = E(E(\xi_j|\eta_{n,d}(j))) = E(m(\eta_{n,d}(j)) - m(\eta_{n,d}(j))) = 0,$$

so (4.7) is proved.

The first relation in (4.8) is clear. For the second part, we note that

$$E\xi_1^2 \leq 2EX_1^2(I\{|X_1| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1)\} - I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\})^2 + 2Em^2(\eta_{n,d}(1))$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & EX_1^2(I\{|X_1| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1)\} - I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\})^2 \\ & \leq EX_1^2 I\{\eta_{n,d}(1) \leq |X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} + EX_1^2 I\{H^{-1}(d/n) \leq |X_1| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1)\} \\ & \leq (H^{-1}(d/n))^2 P\{\eta_{n,d}(1) \leq |X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} \\ & \quad + E((\eta_{n,d}(1))^2 I\{H(\eta_{n,d}(1)) \leq H(|X_1|) \leq d/n\}). \end{aligned}$$

There are constants c_1 and c_2 such that

$$P\{|S_d - d| \geq x\sqrt{d}\} \leq \exp(-c_1 x^2) \quad \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq c_2 d. \tag{4.10}$$

Let $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$. Using Lemma 4.2 and (4.10), there is a constant c_3 such that

$$P(A) \geq 1 - c_3 \exp(-c_1 d^{2\varepsilon}), \tag{4.11}$$

where

$$A = \left\{ \omega : \frac{d}{n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{d^{1/2-\varepsilon}} \right) \leq H(\eta_{n,d}(1)) \leq \frac{d}{n} \left(1 + \frac{1}{d^{1/2-\varepsilon}} \right) \right\}.$$

Let A^c denote the complement of A . By (4.11), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (H^{-1}(d/n))^2 P\{\eta_{n,d}(1) \leq |X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} \\ & = (H^{-1}(d/n))^2 (P(A^c) + P\{\eta_{n,d}(1) \leq |X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n), A\}) \\ & \leq (H^{-1}(d/n))^2 \left(c_3 \exp(-c_1 d^{2\varepsilon}) + P\left\{ \frac{d}{n} \leq H(|X_1|) \leq \frac{d}{n} \left(1 + \frac{1}{d^{1/2-\varepsilon}} \right) \right\} \right) \\ & = \mathcal{O}\left((H^{-1}(d/n))^2 \left(\exp(-c_1 d^{2\varepsilon}) + \frac{d^{1/2+\varepsilon}}{n} \right) \right). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, by the independence of $|X_1|$ and $\eta_{n,d}(1)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & E((\eta_{n,d}(1))^2 I\{H(\eta_{n,d}(1)) \leq H(|X_1|) \leq d/n\}) \\ & \leq E(\eta_{n,d}^2(1) I\{A^c\}) \\ & \quad + E\left((H^{-1}(d/n(1 - d^{\varepsilon-1/2})))^2 I\{d/n(1 - d^{\varepsilon-1/2}) \leq H(|X_1|) \leq d/n\} \right) \\ & = E(\eta_{n,d}^2(1) I\{A^c\}) + (H^{-1}(d/n(1 - d^{\varepsilon-1/2})))^2 \frac{d}{n} d^{\varepsilon-1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $H^{-1}(t)$ is a regularly varying function at 0 with index $-1/\alpha$, for any $\tau > 1/\alpha$, there is a constant c_4 such that

$$H^{-1}(t) \leq c_4 t^{-\tau}, \quad 0 < t \leq 1. \tag{4.12}$$

By the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality, we have

$$E\eta_{n,d}^2(1)I\{A^c\} \leq (E\eta_{n,d}^4(1))^{1/2}(P(A^c))^{1/2} \leq (E\eta_{n,d}^4(1))^{1/2}c_3^{1/2} \exp\left(-\frac{c_1}{2}d^{2\varepsilon}\right).$$

Next, we use (4.12) and Lemma 4.2 to conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} E\eta_{n,d}^4(1) &\leq E\eta_{n,d}^4 \leq c_4^4 E\left(\frac{S_d}{S_{n+1}}\right)^{-4\tau} = c_4^4 E\left(1 + \frac{S_{n+1} - S_d}{S_d}\right)^{4\tau} \\ &\leq c_5\left(1 + E(S_{n+1} - S_d)^{4\tau} E\frac{1}{S_d^{4\tau}}\right) \leq c_6 n^{4\tau} \end{aligned} \tag{4.13}$$

since S_d has a Gamma distribution with parameter d and therefore $ES_d^{-4\tau} < \infty$ if $d \geq d_0(\tau)$. Thus, we have that

$$\begin{aligned} EX_1^2(I\{|X_1| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1)\} - I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\})^2 \\ = \mathcal{O}\left((H^{-1}(d/n))^2(d^{\varepsilon+1/2}/n) + n^{2\tau} \exp\left(-\frac{c_1}{2}d^{2\varepsilon}\right)\right). \end{aligned}$$

Similar arguments give

$$Em^2(\eta_{n,d}(1)) = \mathcal{O}\left((H^{-1}(d/n))^2(d^{\varepsilon+1/2}/n) + n^{2\tau} \exp\left(-\frac{c_1}{2}d^{2\varepsilon}\right)\right).$$

The proof of (4.8) is now complete.

The first relation of (4.9) is trivial. To prove the second part, we introduce $\eta_{n,d}(1, 2)$, the d th largest among $|X_3|, |X_4|, \dots, |X_n|$. Set

$$\xi_{1,2} = X_1(I\{|X_1| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1, 2)\} - I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}) - m(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2))$$

and

$$\xi_{2,1} = X_2(I\{|X_2| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1, 2)\} - I\{|X_2| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}) - m(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2)).$$

Using the independence of $|X_1|, |X_2|$ and $\eta_{n,d}(1, 2)$, we get

$$E\xi_{1,2}\xi_{2,1} = 0. \tag{4.14}$$

Next, we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_1\xi_2 &= X_1(I\{|X_1| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1)\} - I\{|X_1| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1, 2)\})\xi_2 \\ &\quad - (m(\eta_{n,d}(1)) - m(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2)))\xi_2 \\ &\quad + X_2(I\{|X_2| \leq \eta_{n,d}(2)\} - I\{|X_2| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1, 2)\})\xi_{1,2} \\ &\quad - (m(\eta_{n,d}(2)) - m(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2)))\xi_{1,2} + \xi_{1,2}\xi_{2,1}. \end{aligned}$$

So, by (4.14), we have

$$\begin{aligned} E\xi_1\xi_2 &= E(X_1 I\{\eta_{n,d}(1, 2) < |X_1| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1)\}\xi_2) + E((m(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2)) - m(\eta_{n,d}(1)))\xi_2) \\ &\quad + E(X_2 I\{\eta_{n,d}(1, 2) < |X_2| \leq \eta_{n,d}(2)\}\xi_{1,2}) + E((m(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2)) - m(\eta_{n,d}(2)))\xi_{1,2}) \\ &= a_{n,1} + \dots + a_{n,4}. \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to see that

$$\eta_{n,d+2} \leq \eta_{n,d}(1, 2) \leq \eta_{n,d}(1) \leq \eta_{n,d}$$

and

$$\eta_{n,d+2} \leq \eta_{n,d}(1, 2) \leq \eta_{n,d}(2) \leq \eta_{n,d}.$$

Hence,

$$\frac{H(\eta_{n,d}(1))}{H(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2))} \geq \frac{H(\eta_{n,d})}{H(\eta_{n,d+2})} \stackrel{D}{=} \frac{S_d}{S_{d+2}} = 1 - \frac{e_{d+1} + e_{d+2}}{S_{d+2}},$$

according to Lemma 4.2. Using (4.10), we get, for any $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$,

$$P\{|S_{d+2} - (d + 2)| \geq d^{2\varepsilon} \sqrt{d + 2}\} \leq \exp(-c_1 d^{2\varepsilon}).$$

The random variables e_{d+1} and e_{d+2} are exponentially distributed with parameter 1 and therefore

$$P\{e_{d+1} \geq d^{2\varepsilon}\} = P\{e_{d+2} \geq d^{2\varepsilon}\} \leq \exp(-d^{2\varepsilon}).$$

Thus, for any $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$, we obtain

$$P\left\{\frac{H(\eta_{n,d}(1))}{H(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2))} \geq 1 - \frac{c_7 d^{2\varepsilon}}{d}\right\} \geq 1 - c_8 \exp(-c_9 d^{2\varepsilon})$$

and similar arguments yield

$$P\left\{\frac{H(\eta_{n,d}(2))}{H(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2))} \geq 1 - \frac{c_7 d^{2\varepsilon}}{d}\right\} \geq 1 - c_8 \exp(-c_9 d^{2\varepsilon})$$

and

$$P\left\{\frac{d}{n}\left(1 - \frac{1}{d^{1/2-\varepsilon}}\right) \leq H(\eta_{n,d}) \leq \frac{d}{n}\left(1 + \frac{1}{d^{1/2-\varepsilon}}\right)\right\} \geq 1 - c_8 \exp(-c_9 d^{2\varepsilon})$$

with some constants c_7 , c_8 and c_9 . We now define the event A as the set on which

$$\frac{H(\eta_{n,d}(1))}{H(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2))} \geq 1 - \frac{c_7}{d^{1-2\varepsilon}}, \quad \frac{H(\eta_{n,d}(2))}{H(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2))} \geq 1 - \frac{c_7}{d^{1-2\varepsilon}}$$

and

$$\frac{d}{n}\left(1 - \frac{1}{d^{1/2-\varepsilon}}\right) \leq H(\eta_{n,d}) \leq \frac{d}{n}\left(1 + \frac{1}{d^{1/2-\varepsilon}}\right)$$

hold. Clearly,

$$P(A^c) \leq 3c_8 \exp(-c_9 d^{2\varepsilon}).$$

Using the definition of ξ_2 , we get that

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n,1} &\leq E(|X_1| I\{\eta_{n,d}(1, 2) \leq |X_1| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1)\} \\ &\quad \times |X_2| |I\{|X_2| \leq \eta_{n,d}(2)\} - I\{|X_2| \leq H^{-1}(n/d)\}|) \\ &\quad + E|X_1| I\{\eta_{n,d}(1, 2) \leq |X_1| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1)\} m(\eta_{n,d}(2)) \\ &\leq E|X_1| |X_2| I\{\eta_{n,d}(1, 2) \leq |X_1| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1)\} I\{H^{-1}(d/n) \leq |X_2| \leq \eta_{n,d}(2)\} \\ &\quad + E|X_1| |X_2| I\{\eta_{n,d}(1, 2) \leq |X_1| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1)\} I\{\eta_{n,d}(2) \leq |X_2| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} \\ &\quad + E|X_1| I\{\eta_{n,d}(1, 2) \leq |X_1| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1)\} m(\eta_{n,d}(2)) \\ &= a_{n,1,1} + a_{n,1,2} + a_{n,1,3}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the definition of A , we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n,1,1} &\leq E|X_1 X_2| I\{\eta_{n,d}(1, 2) \leq |X_1| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1)\} I\{H^{-1}(d/n) \leq |X_2| \leq \eta_{n,d}(2)\} I\{A\} \\ &\quad + E|X_1 X_2| I\{\eta_{n,d}(1, 2) \leq |X_1| \leq \eta_{n,d}(1)\} I\{H^{-1}(d/n) \leq |X_2| \leq \eta_{n,d}(2)\} I\{A^c\} \\ &\leq E\left(|X_1 X_2| I\left\{H(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2))\left(1 - \frac{c_7}{d^{1-2\varepsilon}}\right) \leq H(|X_1|) \leq H(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2))\right\}\right. \\ &\quad \left. \times I\{A\} I\{H^{-1}(d/n) \leq |X_2| \leq \eta_{n,d}(2)\}\right) + E(\eta_{n,d}^2 I\{A^c\}) \\ &\leq \left(H^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{n}\left(1 - \frac{c_{10}}{d^{1/2-\varepsilon}}\right)\right)\right)^2 \\ &\quad \times E\left(I\left\{H(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2))\left(1 - \frac{c_7}{d^{1-2\varepsilon}}\right) \leq H(|X_1|) \leq H(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2))\right\}\right. \\ &\quad \left. \times I\left\{\frac{d}{n}\left(1 - \frac{1}{d^{1/2-\varepsilon}}\right) \leq H(|X_2|) \leq \frac{d}{n}\right\}\right) + E(\eta_{n,d}^2 I\{A^c\}). \end{aligned}$$

Again using the independence of $|X_1|$, $|X_2|$ and $\eta_{n,d}(1, 2)$, we conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} &E\left(I\left\{H(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2))\left(1 - \frac{c_7}{d^{1-2\varepsilon}}\right) \leq H(|X_1|) \leq H(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2))\right\}\right. \\ &\quad \left. \times I\left\{\frac{d}{n}\left(1 - \frac{1}{d^{1/2-\varepsilon}}\right) \leq H(|X_2|) \leq \frac{d}{n}\right\}\right) \\ &= EH(\eta_{n,d}(1, 2)) \frac{c_7}{d^{1-2\varepsilon}} \frac{d}{n} \frac{1}{d^{1/2-\varepsilon}} \leq \frac{d}{n-1} \frac{c_7}{n} \frac{1}{d^{1/2-3\varepsilon}}. \end{aligned}$$

The Cauchy–Schwarz inequality yields

$$E(\eta_{n,d}^2 I\{A^c\}) \leq (E\eta_{n,d}^4)^{1/2} (P(A^c))^{1/2} = \mathcal{O}\left(n^{2\tau} \exp\left(-\frac{c_9}{2}d^{2\varepsilon}\right)\right)$$

for all $\tau > 1/\alpha$ on account of (4.13). We thus conclude

$$a_{n,1,1} = \mathcal{O}\left(\left(H^{-1}(d/n)\right)^2 (d^{1/2+3\varepsilon}/n^2) + n^{2\tau} \exp\left(-\frac{c_9}{2}d^{2\varepsilon}\right)\right).$$

Similar, but somewhat simpler, arguments imply that

$$a_{n,1,2} + a_{n,1,3} = \mathcal{O}\left(\left(H^{-1}(d/n)\right)^2 (d^{1/2+3\varepsilon}/n^2) + n^{2\tau} \exp\left(-\frac{c_9}{2}d^{2\varepsilon}\right)\right),$$

resulting in

$$a_{n,1} = \mathcal{O}\left(\left(H^{-1}(d/n)\right)^2 (d^{1/2+3\varepsilon}/n^2) + n^{2\tau} \exp\left(-\frac{c_9}{2}d^{2\varepsilon}\right)\right). \tag{4.15}$$

Following the lines of the proof of (4.15), the same rates can be obtained for $a_{n,2}$ and $a_{n,3}$. \square

Lemma 4.6. *If the conditions of Theorem 1.1 are satisfied, then*

$$\frac{1}{A_n} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^k \xi_j \right| = o_P(1).$$

Proof. It is easy to see that for any $1 \leq \ell_1 \leq \ell_2 \leq n$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\sum_{j=\ell_1}^{\ell_2} \xi_j\right)^2 &= (\ell_2 - \ell_1 + 1)E\xi_1^2 + (\ell_2 - \ell_1)(\ell_2 - \ell_1 + 1)E\xi_1\xi_2 \\ &\leq (\ell_2 - \ell_1 + 1)(E\xi_1^2 + nE\xi_1\xi_2). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 4.5 and (1.12) yield

$$E\xi_1^2 \leq c_1 \frac{A_n^2}{n} [d^{-1/2+\varepsilon} + n^{2\tau+1} \exp(-ad^{2\varepsilon})]$$

and

$$E\xi_1\xi_2 \leq c_2 \frac{A_n^2}{n^2} [d^{-1/2+3\varepsilon} + n^{2\tau+2} \exp(-ad^{2\varepsilon})]$$

for all $0 < \varepsilon < 1/6$. Hence, we conclude that

$$E\left(\sum_{j=\ell_1}^{\ell_2} \xi_j\right)^2 \leq c_3(\ell_2 - \ell_1 + 1) \frac{A_n^2}{n} [d^{-1/2+3\varepsilon} + n^{2\tau+2} \exp(-ad^{2\varepsilon})].$$

So, using an inequality of Menshov (see Billingsley [5], page 102), we get that

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^k \xi_j \right|\right)^2 &\leq c_4(\log n)^2 A_n^2 [d^{-1/2+3\varepsilon} + n^{2\tau+2} \exp(-ad^{2\varepsilon})] \\ &\leq c_4 A_n^2 [(\log n)^2 d^{-2/7} + \exp((2\tau + 2) \log n + 2 \log \log n - ad^{2\varepsilon})] \\ &= A_n^2 o(1) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty, \end{aligned}$$

where $\varepsilon = 1/14$ and $d = (\log n)^\gamma$ with any $\gamma > 7$, resulting in

$$\frac{1}{A_n^2} E\left(\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^k \xi_j \right|\right)^2 = o(1).$$

Markov’s inequality now completes the proof of Lemma 4.6. □

Proof of Theorem 1.5. This follows immediately from Lemmas 4.3, 4.4 and 4.6. □

Proof of Theorem 1.1. According to (1.15), Theorems 1.4 and 1.5 imply Theorem 1.1. □

Lemma 4.7. *If the conditions of Theorem 1.1 are satisfied, then*

$$\frac{\hat{A}_n}{A_n} \longrightarrow 1 \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Proof. This is an immediate consequence of Haeusler and Mason [16]. □

Proof of Theorem 1.2. From Slutsky’s lemma, it follows that Lemma 4.7 and Theorem 1.1 imply the result. □

Proof of Example 1.1. Since $H'(x) = -f(x)$, our assumptions imply that $H'(x)$ is also regularly varying at ∞ . By elementary results on regular variation (see, e.g., [6]), it follows that

$$H(x) = 1 - F(x) = \int_x^\infty f(t) dt \sim \frac{1}{\alpha} x f(x) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

Hence, H^{-1} is regularly varying at 0 and therefore the function $(H^{-1}(t))' = 1/H'(H^{-1}(t))$ is also regularly varying at 0. Also,

$$m'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^x t f(t) dt = x f(x) \sim \alpha H(x) \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

and therefore $m'(H^{-1}(t)) \sim t\alpha$. Using Lemma 4.2, the mean value theorem gives

$$\frac{nm(\eta_{n,d})}{B_n} \stackrel{\mathcal{D}}{=} \frac{nm(H^{-1}(S_d/S_{n+1}))}{B_n} = \frac{n(\ell(S_d/S_{n+1}) - \ell(d/n))}{B_n} = \frac{n}{B_n} \ell'(\xi_n) \left(\frac{S_d}{S_{n+1}} - \frac{d}{n} \right),$$

where ξ_n is between S_d/S_{n+1} and d/n , and $\ell(t) = m(H^{-1}(t))$. It follows from the central limit theorem for central order statistics that

$$\frac{n}{d^{1/2}} \left(\frac{S_d}{S_{n+1}} - \frac{d}{n} \right) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}} N(0, 1). \tag{4.16}$$

The regular variation of ℓ' and (4.16) yield

$$\ell'(\xi_n)/\ell'(d/n) \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{in probability.}$$

The result now follows from (4.16) by observing that

$$\frac{n}{B_n} \ell'(d/n) \sim \frac{n}{d^{1/2}}. \quad \square$$

The proof of Theorem 1.3 is based on analogs of Theorems 1.4, 1.5 and Lemmas 4.3–4.7 when $EX_j^2 < \infty$.

Lemma 4.8. *If the conditions of Theorem 1.3 are satisfied, then*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=1}^{\lfloor nt \rfloor} (X_j I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} - E[X_1 I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}]) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}[0,1]} \sigma W(t),$$

where $\sigma^2 = \text{var } X_1$.

Proof. By $EX_1^2 < \infty$, we have

$$E[X_1 I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} - E[X_1 I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}]] - (X_1 - EX_1)]^2 \rightarrow 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. So, using Lévy’s inequality [24], page 248, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^k (X_j I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\} \right. \\ & \quad \left. - E[X_1 I\{|X_1| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}]] - (X_j - EX_1) \right| = o_P(1). \end{aligned}$$

Donsker’s theorem (see [5], page 137) now implies the result. □

Lemma 4.9. *If the conditions of Theorem 1.3 are satisfied, then*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=1}^n |X_j (I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}(j)\})| = o_P(1)$$

and

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=1}^n |m(\eta_{n,d}) - m(\eta_{n,d}(j))| = o_P(1).$$

Proof. We adapt the proof of Lemma 4.3. We recall that A is an event satisfying (4.5), (4.6) and $P(A) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$, where $\varepsilon > 0$ is an arbitrary small positive number. We also showed that

$$\begin{aligned} & E(|X_j(I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}(j)\})|I\{A\}) \\ & \leq H^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{n}\left(1 - \frac{C}{\sqrt{d}}\right)\right) \frac{d+1}{n+1} \frac{C}{d} \end{aligned}$$

for some constant C . Assumption $EX_1^2 < \infty$ yields

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} x^{1/2} H^{-1}(x) < \infty$$

and therefore

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n} H^{-1}\left(\frac{d}{n}\left(1 - \frac{C}{\sqrt{d}}\right)\right) \frac{d+1}{n+1} \frac{C}{d} = 0$$

for all $C > 0$. Thus, for all $\varepsilon > 0$, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=1}^n E|X_j(I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}(j)\})|I\{A\} = 0.$$

Since we can choose $\varepsilon > 0$ as small as we wish, the first result is proved. The second part of the lemma can be established similarly. □

Lemma 4.10. *If the conditions of Theorem 1.3 are satisfied, then for all $0 < \varepsilon < 1/2$,*

$$\begin{aligned} E\xi_j &= 0, & 1 \leq j \leq n, \\ E\xi_j^2 &= E\xi_1^2 = \mathcal{O}\left(\left(H^{-1}(d/n)\right)^2 d^{1/2+\varepsilon} / n + n \exp(-ad^{2\varepsilon})\right), & 1 \leq j \leq n, \\ E\xi_i \xi_j &= E\xi_1 \xi_2 = \mathcal{O}\left(\left(H^{-1}(d/n)\right)^2 d^{1/2+3\varepsilon} / n^2 + n \exp(-ad^{2\varepsilon})\right), & 1 \leq i \neq j \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. The proof of Lemma 4.5 can be repeated, only (4.12) should be replaced with

$$H^{-1}(t) \leq Ct^{-1/2}, \quad 0 < t \leq 1. \tag{4.17}$$

□

Lemma 4.11. *If the conditions of Theorem 1.3 are satisfied, then*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^k \xi_j \right| = o_P(1).$$

Proof. Following the proof of Lemma 4.6, we get

$$E \left(\max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^k \xi_j \right| \right)^2 \leq c_1 n (\log n)^2 [d^{-1/2+3\epsilon} + n^3 \exp(-ad^{2\epsilon})] = o(n) \tag{4.18}$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Markov's inequality completes the proof of Lemma 4.11. □

Lemma 4.12. *If the conditions of Theorem 1.3 are satisfied, then*

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \max_{1 \leq k \leq n} \left| \sum_{j=1}^k [X_j (I\{|X_j| \leq \eta_{n,d}\} - I\{|X_j| \leq H^{-1}(d/n)\}) - m(\eta_{n,d})] \right| = o_P(1).$$

Proof. It follows immediately from Lemmas 4.9 and 4.11. □

Proof of Theorem 1.3. By Lemmas 4.8 and 4.12, we have that

$$\frac{T_n(t)}{\sigma \sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{D}[0,1]} B(t).$$

It is easy to see that

$$\frac{\hat{A}_n^2}{n} \xrightarrow{P} \sigma^2,$$

which completes the proof of Theorem 1.3. □

Proof of Theorem 2.1. We show that

$$\frac{\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |x_j|}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n x_j^2}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{a.s.} \tag{4.19}$$

By Lemma 4.7 it is enough to prove that

$$\frac{\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |x_j|}{A_n} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{a.s.}$$

It follows from the definition of x_j that

$$\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |x_j| \leq \eta_{d,n} + |\bar{X}_{n,d}| \leq 2\eta_{d,n}.$$

Using Kiefer [23] (see Shorack and Wellner [33]), we get

$$\frac{\eta_{d,n}}{A_n} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{a.s.}$$

Since (4.19) holds for almost all realizations of X_1, X_2, \dots , Theorem 2.1 is implied by Rosén [32] when we sample without replacement and by Prohorov [31] when we sample with replacement (bootstrap). \square

Proof of Theorem 2.2. This can be established along the lines of the proof of Theorem 2.1. \square

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