# Limit Theorems for a Galton-Watson Process with Immigration in Varying Environments<sup>\*</sup>

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**Abstract** In this paper, we obtain the central limit theorem and the law of the iterated logarithm for Galton-Watson branching processes with time-dependent immigration in varying environments.

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### 1 Introduction

Let  $\{T_n; n \ge 0\}$  be a classical supercritical Galton-Watson branching process with offspring distribution  $\{b_n; n \ge 0\}$  and mean  $m := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nb_n, 1 < m < \infty$ . Define  $S_n = T_n/m^n$ , it is well known that there exists a nonnegative random variable S such that  $S = \lim_{n \to \infty} S_n a.s.$ . C.C.Heyde (cf. [10]-[12]) derived the central limit theorem (CLT) and the law of the iterated logarithm (LIL) for  $\{T_n; n \ge 0\}$ :

(I) Suppose that  $\tau_1^2 := Var(T_1) < \infty$  and P(S > 0) = 1. Set  $\tau_r^2 := Var(T_r), r \ge 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} &\tau_r^{-1} T_n^{-\frac{1}{2}} (T_{n+r} - m^r T_n) \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1) \ (n \to \infty), \\ &(m^2 - m)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tau_1^{-1} T_n^{-\frac{1}{2}} m^n (S - S_n) \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1) \ (n \to \infty). \end{aligned}$$

(II) Suppose that  $E(T_1^3) < \infty$ , then

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} (\liminf_{n \to \infty}) \frac{T_{n+r} - m^r T_n}{(2\tau_r^2 T_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = 1(-1) \quad a.s. \text{ on } \{S > 0\},$$
  
$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} (\liminf_{n \to \infty}) \frac{m^n S - T_n}{(2\tau_1^2 (m^2 - m)^{-1} T_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = 1(-1) \quad a.s. \text{ on } \{S > 0\}.$$

Similar limit theorems for a classical Galton-Watson branching process with immigration were studied in [13].

A branching process in a random environment is a natural and important extension of the Galton-Watson process, it is a class of non-homegeneous Galton-Waltson process indexed by a time environment, which has been studied by many authors, see[1-3],[5-6],[14-15], [19-22].

In this article, we consider the Galton-Watson branching process with time-dependent immigration in the varying environments(IGWVE) defined as following:

**Definition 1.1.** Let  $Z_0 \equiv 1$  and for any  $n \ge 0$ ,

$$Z_{n+1} = \sum_{j=1}^{Z_n} \xi_{n,j} + Y_{n+1} \quad a.s.,$$

where  $\{\xi_{n,j}; n \ge 0, j \ge 1\}$  are independent and have the same distribution in row,  $\{Y_n, n \ge 1\}$  is a sequence of independent random variables taking values in  $\mathbb{N}$  and independent of  $\{\xi_{n,j}; n \ge 1\}$ 

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 $0, j \geq 1$ }, then  $\{Z_n, n \geq 0\}$  is said to be a Galton-Watson branching process with timedependent immigration in varying environments. Particularly, if for any  $n \geq 1$ ,  $Y_n \equiv 0$ , then  $\{Z_n, n \geq 0\}$  is said to be a Galton-Watson branching process in varying environments(GWVE).

Throughout this paper we assume that the variances of  $\{\xi_{n,j}; n \ge 0, j \ge 1\}$  and  $\{Y_n, n \ge 1\}$ exist. Define  $\mu_n = E(\xi_{n,j}), \delta_n^2 = Var(\xi_{n,j})$  and  $\nu_n = E(Y_n)$ , we assume that

$$P(\xi_{n,1}=0) \equiv 0, \quad \infty > \mu_n > 1, \quad \infty > \nu_n, \delta_n^2 > 0.$$

Our first main result is the following growth rate of IGWVE.

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $\{Z_n, n \ge 0\}$  be an IGWVE. Define  $m_n = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \mu_i, W_n = Z_n/m_n, n \ge 1$ , then  $\{W_n, n \ge 1\}$  is a nonnegative submartingale. If

$$a := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\nu_n}{m_n} < \infty, \tag{1}$$

then there exists a nonnegative random variable W with  $E(W) < \infty$  such that  $W_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} W$ . Furthermore, if

$$b := \sup_{n \ge 1} \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_j^2}{\mu_j^2 m_{n,j-n}} < \infty,$$

$$\tag{2}$$

where  $m_{n,k} = \prod_{i=n}^{n+k-1} \mu_i$ , then  $W_n \xrightarrow{L^2} W_n$ .

To prove the CLT and the LIL for IGWVE, we need the following two decomposition results. (A) For any fixed  $n \ge 0, r \ge 1$  one has

$$Z_{n+r} = \sum_{j=1}^{Z_n} X_{n,r}^{(j)} + Y_{n,r} \quad a.s.$$

where  $\{X_{n,r}^{(j)}, j \ge 1\}$  are i.i.d. and independent of  $Y_{n,r}$ . The variances of  $\{X_{n,r}^{(j)}, j \ge 1\}$  and  $Y_{n,r}$  exist. We define  $m_{n,r} = E(X_{n,r}^{(1)}), \sigma_{n,r}^2 = Var(X_{n,r}^{(1)}), \pi_{n,r} = E(Y_{n,r}), \theta_{n,r}^2 = Var(Y_{n,r}).$ 

(B) For any fixed  $n \ge 0$  one has

$$Z_n - m_n W = \sum_{j=1}^{Z_n} (1 - V_n^{(j)}) + I_n \quad a.s.,$$

where  $\{V_n^{(j)}; j \ge 1\}$  are i.i.d. and independent of  $I_n$ . If (2) is satisfied, then the variances of  $\{V_n^{(j)}, j \ge 1\}$  exist. Furthermore, if

$$c := \sup_{n \ge 0} \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{\nu_k}{m_{n,k-n}} < \infty, \tag{3}$$

then the variances of  $I_n$  exist. We define  $\sigma_n^2 = Var(V_n^{(1)}), \pi_n = E(I_n), \theta_n^2 = Var(I_n).$ 

Using the above two decomposition results we obtain the CLT and the LIL for IGWVE.

**Theorem 1.2.** Let  $\{Z_n, n \ge 0\}$  be an IGWVE. If  $Z_n \xrightarrow{P} \infty$ , (2),(3) are satisfied and

$$0 < d = \inf_{n \ge 0} \frac{\delta_n^2}{\mu_n^2},\tag{4}$$

then for any fixed  $r \geq 1$ , when  $n \to \infty$  one has

$$\frac{Z_{n+r} - m_{n,r}Z_n}{\sigma_{n,r}\sqrt{Z_n}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1), \quad \frac{Z_n - m_n W}{\sigma_n \sqrt{Z_n}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1).$$

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**Remark 1.1.** Note that  $Z_n \ge 1$ , a necessary and sufficient condition for  $Z_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} \infty$  is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (1 - P(\xi_{n,1} = 1)) = +\infty,$$

which imply  $Z_n \xrightarrow{P} \infty$  (c.f.[17]).

Assume that there exists a constant  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that for any  $r \ge 1$ ,

$$\sup_{n} E\left(\left|\frac{X_{n,r}^{(j)} - m_{n,r}}{\sigma_{n,r}}\right|^{2+\delta}\right) < \infty, \quad \sup_{n} E\left(\left|\frac{V_{n}^{(j)} - 1}{\sigma_{n}}\right|^{2+\delta}\right) < \infty.$$
(5)

For any  $n \ge 1$  and  $r \ge 1$ , define

$$Q_{n,r}(x) = P\left(\frac{Z_{n+r} - m_{n,r}Z_n}{\sigma_{n,r}\sqrt{Z_n}} \le x\right), \quad Q_n(x) = P\left(\frac{Z_n - m_nW}{\sigma_n\sqrt{Z_n}} \le x\right), \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$
(6)

**Theorem 1.3.** Let  $\{Z_n, n \ge 0\}$  be an IGWVE. If  $Z_n \xrightarrow{a.e.} +\infty$  and (2)-(5) are satisfied, then there exists constants  $\{C_r, r \ge 1\}$ , C and D such that

$$\sup_{x} |Q_{n,r}(x) - \Phi(x)| \le C_r E\left(Z_n^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right) + C\left[E\left(Z_n^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}},\tag{7}$$

$$\sup_{x} |Q_n(x) - \Phi(x)| \le DE\left(Z_n^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right) + C\left[E\left(Z_n^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$
(8)

**Theorem 1.4.** Let  $\{Z_n; n \ge 0\}$  be an IGWVE. Suppose that there exist five constants  $\alpha, \beta, \tau, \gamma, \delta$  with  $\beta > \alpha > 1, \tau > \gamma > 0$  and  $0 < \delta < 1$  such that for any  $n \ge 0$ ,

$$\alpha \le \mu_n \le \beta, \quad \gamma^2 \le \delta_n^2 \le \tau^2, \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ E\left(Z_n^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] < \infty.$$
(9)

If (3) and (5) are satisfied, then

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} (\liminf_{n \to \infty}) \frac{Z_{n+r} - m_{n,r} Z_n}{(2\sigma_{n,r}^2 Z_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = 1(-1) \quad a.s.;$$
(10)

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} (\liminf_{n \to \infty}) \frac{Z_n - m_n W}{(2\sigma_n^2 Z_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = 1(-1) \quad a.s..$$
(11)

**Remark 1.2.** If (9) is satisfied, then  $Z_n \xrightarrow{a.e.} +\infty$ , (2) and (4) are true.

#### 2 A growth rate for IGWVE

In order to prove Theorem 1.1 we need the following lemma: Lemma 2.1. Let  $\{X_n, n \ge 0\}$  be a GWVE. For any fixed  $n \ge 0, r \ge 1$  one has

$$X_{n+r} = \sum_{j=1}^{X_n} X_{n,r}^{(j)},$$

where  $\{X_{n,r}^{(j)}; j \ge 1\}$  are i.i.d. and independent of  $X_n$ . Furthermore,

$$m_{n,r} = E(X_{n,r}^{(j)}) = \prod_{j=n}^{n+r-1} \mu_j,$$

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$$\sigma_{n,r}^2 = Var(X_{n,r}^{(j)}) = (m_{n,r})^2 \sum_{j=n}^{n+r-1} \frac{\delta_j^2}{\mu_j^2 m_{n,j-n}}.$$

Note that  $m_{n,0} = 1$ ,  $m_{n,1} = \mu_n$ ,  $X_{n,1}^{(j)} = \xi_{n,j}$  and  $\sigma_{n,1}^2 = \delta_n^2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $X_{n,r}^{(j)}$  be the size of the *r*th generation of GWVE starting with the *j*th particle at time *n*. The first result in Lemma 2.1 following from Definition 1.1. Similar to Proposition 4 and Proposition 6 in [8], the rest of Lemma 2.1 is true .  $\Box$ 

**Proof of Theorem 1.1.** By our basic assumption it is obvious that  $W_n$  is integrable for all  $n \ge 1$ . By the independence of  $\{Y_n, n \ge 1\}$  and  $\{\xi_{n,j}, n \ge 0, j \ge 1\}$  one has

$$\begin{split} E(W_{n+1}|W_n, W_{n-1}, \cdots, W_1) &= E\left(\frac{Z_{n+1}}{m_{n+1}}|Z_n, Z_{n-1}, \cdots, Z_1\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{m_n} E\left[\frac{1}{\mu_n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{Z_n} \xi_{n,j} + Y_{n+1}\right) |Z_n\right] \\ &= \frac{Z_n}{m_n} + \frac{v_{n+1}}{m_{n+1}} > \frac{Z_n}{m_n} = W_n, \end{split}$$

which means that  $\{W_n, n \ge 1\}$  is a nonnegative submartingale.

Let  $X_n$  be the size of the original GWVE at time n and  $U_{k,n}(k < n)$  be the number of descendants at time n of the particles that immigrated in generation k, then

$$Z_n = X_n + \sum_{k=1}^n U_{k,n},$$
(12)

where  $U_{n,n} = Y_n$ . Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $\{Y_n, n \ge 1\}$ , by the independence of  $\{Y_n, n \ge 1\}$  and  $\{\xi_{n,j}, n \ge 0, j \ge 1\}$  one has

$$E(W_n|\mathcal{G}) = E\left(\frac{Z_n}{m_n}|\mathcal{G}\right) = E\left(\frac{X_n}{m_n}\right) + E\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{U_{k,n}}{m_n}|\mathcal{G}\right).$$
(13)

Now for  $k \leq n$ , the random variable  $U_{k,n}$  is the size of the (n-k)th generation of ordinary GWVE starting, however, with  $Y_k$  particles at time k. Therefore, by the independence of  $\{Y_n, n \geq 1\}$  and Lemma 2.1, its conditional expectation is just  $Y_k m_{k,n-k}$ . According to (13) and Lemma 2.1, one has

$$E(W_n|\mathcal{G}) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{Y_k}{m_k}$$
 and  $E(W_n) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{v_k}{m_k}$ .

Since (1) is satisfied we know that  $\{W_n, n \ge 1\}$  is  $L^1$ -bounded. By the convergence theorem of submartingale (see [9] Theorem 2.5), there exists a nonnegative random variable W with  $E(W) < \infty$  such that  $W_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} W$ .

In order to prove the last result in Theorem 1.1, we only need to prove that  $\{W_n, n \ge 1\}$  is  $L^2$ -bounded (see Theorem 7.6.10 of [4]). In fact, by (12) and the independence of  $\{Y_n, n \ge 1\}$ 

and  $\{\xi_{n,j}, n \geq 0, j \geq 1\}$  one has

$$\begin{split} E(W_n^2|\mathcal{G}) &= E\left(\frac{1}{m_n^2}\left[X_n + \sum_{k=1}^n U_{k,n}\right]^2|\mathcal{G}\right) \\ &= E\left\{\frac{1}{m_n^2}\left[X_n^2 + 2X_n\sum_{k=1}^n U_{k,n} + \left(\sum_{k=1}^n U_{k,n}\right)^2\right]|\mathcal{G}\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{m_n^2}E(X_n^2) + 2\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{Y_k}{m_k} + \frac{1}{m_n^2}E\left[\left(\sum_{k=1}^n \left(\sum_{j=1+\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} Y_i}^{\sum_{i=1}^k Y_i} X_{k,n-k}^{(j)}\right)\right)^2|\mathcal{G}\right] \\ &= \frac{1}{m_n^2}E(X_n^2) + 2\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{Y_k}{m_k} + \frac{1}{m_n^2}\left[\sum_{k=1}^n (Y_k Var(X_{k,n-k}^{(1)})) + \sum_{k=1}^n Y_k \left(E(X_{k,n-k}^{(1)})\right)^2\right], \end{split}$$

where  $X_{k,n-k}^{(j)}$  is defined in Lemma 2.1, it is the size of the (n-k)th generation of GWVE starting with the *j*th particle immigrated at time k. By the Lemma 2.1 one has

$$\begin{split} E(W_n^2) &= \frac{1}{m_n^2} E(X_n^2) + 2\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{v_k}{m_k} + \frac{1}{m_n^2} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^n (v_k \sigma_{k,n-k}^2) + \sum_{k=1}^n (v_k m_{k,n-k}^2) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{m_n^2} E(X_n^2) + 2\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{v_k}{m_k} + \sum_{k=1}^n \left[ \frac{v_k}{m_k^2} \cdot \left( \frac{\sigma_{k,n-k}^2}{m_{k,n-k}^2} + 1 \right) \right] \\ &\leq b + 2a + ab + a < \infty, \end{split}$$

which means that  $\{W_n, n \ge 1\}$  is  $L^2$ -bounded. We complete the proof.  $\Box$ 

**Remark 2.1.** (1)-(3) are obviously satisfied for a classical supercritical Galton-Watson branching process with immigration which have finite second moments. In fact, in this case,  $\{\xi_{n,j}, n \ge 0, j \ge 1\}$  are i.i.d. and  $\{Y_n, n \ge 1\}$  are also i.i.d..

## 3 The CLT for IGWVE

In order to prove Theorem 1.2 we need the following lemmas.

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $\{Z_n, n \ge 0\}$  be an IGWVE. For any fixed  $n \ge 0, r \ge 1$  one has

$$Z_{n+r} = \sum_{j=1}^{Z_n} X_{n,r}^{(j)} + Y_{n,r} \qquad a.s.,$$
(14)

where  $\{X_{n,r}^{(j)}, j \ge 1\}$  are i.i.d. and independent of  $Y_{n,r}$ . Furthermore,

$$\pi_{n,r} = E(Y_{n,r}) = \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+r} \nu_i m_{i,n+r-i}, \quad \theta_{n,r}^2 = Var(Y_{n,r}) = \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+r} \nu_i \sigma_{i,n+r-i}^2.$$
(15)

**Proof.** Similar to Lemma 2.1, let  $X_{n,r}^{(j)}$  be the size of the *r*th generation of the ordinary GWVE staring with the *j*th particle at time *n*. Let  $U_{k,n}$  be the number of descendants at time *n* of the particles that were immigrated in generation *k*. Define  $Y_{n,r} = \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} U_{k,n+r}$ . Then

$$Z_{n+r} = \sum_{j=1}^{Z_n} X_{n,r}^{(j)} + Y_{n,r}, \quad a.s.$$

By the independence of  $\{Y_n, n \ge 1\}$  and  $\{\xi_{n,j}, n \ge 0, j \ge 1\}$  we know that  $\{X_{n,r}^{(j)}, j \ge 1\}$  are i.i.d. and independent of  $Y_{n,r}$ .

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $\{Y_n, n \geq 1\}$ . Similar to the calculation of (13) we have

$$E(Y_{n,r}|\mathcal{G}) = E\left(\sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} U_{k,n+r}|\mathcal{G}\right) = \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} Y_k E(X_{k,n+r-k}^{(1)}).$$

So by Lemma 2.1 we have  $E(Y_{n,r}) = \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} v_k m_{k,n+r-k}$ . On the other hand, by the independence of  $\{Y_n, n \ge 1\}$  and  $\{\xi_{n,j}, n \ge 0, j \ge 1\}$  one has

$$Var(Y_{n,r}|\mathcal{G}) = Var\left(\sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} U_{k,n+r}|\mathcal{G}\right) = \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} Var(U_{k,n+r}|\mathcal{G})$$
$$= \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} Var\left(\sum_{j=1+\sum_{i=n+1}^{k-1} Y_i}^{\sum_{i=n+1}^{k} Y_i} X_{k,n+r-k}^{(j)}|\mathcal{G}\right) = \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} Y_k Var(X_{k,n+r-k}^{(1)}).$$

So by Lemma 2.1 we have  $Var(Y_{n,r}) = \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} v_k \sigma_{k,n+r-k}^2$ . We complete the proof.  $\Box$ Lemma 3.2. ([8]) Let  $\{X_n, n \ge 0\}$  be a GWVE. Define  $V_n = X_n/m_n$  for all  $n \ge 1$ , then  $\{V_n, n \ge 1\}$  is a nonnegative martingale and there exists a nonnegative random variable V such that  $V_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} V$  when  $n \to \infty$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $\{X_n, n \ge 0\}$  be a GWVE. Define  $V_{n,r}^{(j)} = \frac{X_{n,r}^{(j)}}{m_{n,r}}$ , where  $X_{n,r}^{(j)}$  and  $m_{n,r}$  are defined in Lemma 2.1, then  $\{V_{n,r}^{(j)}, r \ge 1\}$  is a nonnegative martingale and  $V_{n,r}^{(j)} \xrightarrow{a.s} V_n^{(j)}$  when n, j fixed and  $r \to \infty$ . Then for any fixed  $n \ge 1$  one has

$$X_n - m_n V = \sum_{j=1}^{X_n} (1 - V_n^{(j)}) \ a.s.,$$

where V is defined in Lemma 3.2,  $\{V_n^{(j)}; j \ge 1\}$  are i.i.d. and independent of  $X_n$ .

Furthermore if (2) is satisfied, then  $V_{n,r}^{(j)} \xrightarrow{a.s} V_n^{(j)}$  when n, j fixed and  $r \to \infty$ ,  $E(V_n^{(j)}) \equiv 1$ ,

$$Var(V_n^{(j)}) = \sigma_n^2 = \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_j^2}{\mu_j^2 m_{n,j-n}}.$$

**Proof.** Similar to Proposition 5 and Corollary 2 of [8], we know the first result in Lemma 3.3 is true. Then the second result following from Lemma 2.1. Using the same idea of Theorem 1 in [8], we can prove the last result. 

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $\{Z_n, n \ge 0\}$  be an IGWVE. For any fixed  $n \ge 0$  one has

$$Z_n - m_n W = \sum_{j=1}^{Z_n} (1 - V_n^{(j)}) - I_n \quad a.s.,$$
(16)

where  $\{V_n^{(j)}, j \ge 1\}$  are i.i.d. and independent of  $I_n$ . Furthermore, if (2) and (3) are satisfied,

$$\pi_n = E(I_n) = \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{\nu_k}{m_{n,k-n}}, \quad \theta_n^2 = Var(I_n) = \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{\nu_k \sigma_k^2}{m_{n,k-n}}.$$
 (17)

**Proof.** Applying Theorem 1.1 one has that for each  $n \ge 1$ ,

$$\lim_{r \to \infty} \frac{Z_{n+r}}{m_{n+r}} = \lim_{r \to \infty} W_{n+r} = W \quad a.s..$$

So by Lemma 3.1 one deduce that

$$Z_{n} - m_{n}W = Z_{n} - m_{n} \lim_{r \to \infty} \frac{Z_{n+r}}{m_{n+r}} = \lim_{r \to \infty} \left[ Z_{n} - \frac{m_{n}}{m_{n+r}} \left( \sum_{j=1}^{Z_{n}} X_{n,r}^{(j)} + Y_{n,r} \right) \right]$$
$$= \lim_{r \to \infty} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{Z_{n}} \left[ 1 - \frac{X_{n,r}^{(j)}}{m_{n,r}} \right] - \frac{Y_{n,r}}{m_{n,r}} \right\} \quad a.s..$$
(18)

By Lemma 3.3 one has

$$\lim_{r \to \infty} \sum_{j=1}^{Z_n} \left[ 1 - \frac{X_{n,r}^{(j)}}{m_{n,r}} \right] = \sum_{j=1}^{Z_n} \left[ 1 - V_n^{(j)} \right] \quad a.s..$$
(19)

One the other hand, define  $T_{n,r} = \frac{Y_{n,r}}{m_{n,r}} = \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} U_{k,n+r}/m_{n,r}$  for each  $r \ge 1$ . Let  $\mathcal{F}_{n,r}$  be the  $\sigma$ -field generated by  $\{Y_n, \dots, Y_{n+r}, \xi_{i,j}, n-1 \le i \le n+r-1, j \ge 1\}$ . Note that by Lemma 3.1 one has

$$E(T_{n,r}) = \frac{1}{m_{n,r}} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} v_k m_{k,n+r-k} = \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} \frac{v_k}{m_{n,k-n}} \le c,$$

which means that  $\{T_{n,r}, r \ge 1\}$  is  $L^1$ -bounded. Now

$$\begin{split} E(T_{n,r+1}|\mathcal{F}_{n,r}) &= E\left(\frac{Y_{n,r+1}}{m_{n,r+1}}|\mathcal{F}_{n,r}\right) = E\left(\frac{\sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r+1}U_{k,n+r+1}}{m_{n,r+1}}|\mathcal{F}_{n,r}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{m_{n,r+1}}E\left\{Y_{n+r+1} + \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r}\left[\sum_{j=1+\sum_{i=n+1}^{k-1}Y_{i}}^{k}X_{k,n+r+1-k}^{(j)}\right]|\mathcal{F}_{n,r}\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{m_{n,r+1}}\left\{E(Y_{n+r+1}) + \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r}\left[\sum_{j=1+\sum_{i=n+1}^{k-1}Y_{i}}^{k}X_{k,n+r-k}^{(j)}E(\xi_{n+r,1})\right]\right\} \\ &= \frac{Y_{n,r}}{m_{n,r}} + \frac{v_{n+r+1}}{m_{n,r+1}} > T_{n,r}, \end{split}$$

which means that  $\{T_{n,r}, r \ge 1\}$  is a nonnegative submartingale with respect to  $\mathcal{F}_{n,r}, r \ge 1$ , then there exists a nonnegative random variable  $I_n$  with  $E(I_n) < \infty$  such that

$$\lim_{r \to \infty} T_{n,r} = I_n \quad a.s.. \tag{20}$$

By (18), (19) and (20) we obtain (16).

Now by Lemma 3.1 one has

$$\begin{split} E(T_{n,r})^2 &= Var(T_{n,r}) + (E(T_{n,r}))^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{m_{n,r}^2} \left[ \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} \nu_k \sigma_{k,n+r-k}^2 + \left( \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} \nu_k m_{k,n+r-k} \right)^2 \right] \\ &\leq \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} \left[ \frac{v_k}{m_{n,k-n}^2} \cdot \frac{\sigma_{k,n+r-k}^2}{m_{k,n+r-k}^2} \right] + \left( \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} \frac{v_k}{m_{n,k-n}} \right)^2 \\ &\leq bc + c^2 < \infty, \end{split}$$

which means that  $\{T_{n,r}, r \ge 1\}$  is  $L^2$ -bounded, so  $T_{n,r} \xrightarrow{L^2} I_n$  when  $r \to \infty$ . Thus,

$$E(I_n) = \lim_{r \to \infty} E(T_{n,r}) = \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{v_k}{m_{n,k-n}}$$

$$Var(I_{n}) = \lim_{r \to \infty} Var(T_{n,r}) = \lim_{r \to \infty} \sum_{k=n+1}^{n+r} \left[ \frac{v_{k}}{m_{n,k-n}} \cdot \frac{\sigma_{k,n+r-k}^{2}}{m_{k,n+r-k}^{2}} \right] = \sum_{k=n+1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{v_{k}\sigma_{k}^{2}}{m_{n,k-n}} \right].$$

We complete the proof of Lemma 3.4.  $\square$ 

Now we consider a double sequence of random variables  $\{\zeta_{n,j}, j \ge 1, n \ge 1\}$ , where for any  $n \ge 1$ ,  $\{\zeta_{n,j}, j \ge 1\}$  are i.i.d.. Let  $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$  be a sequence of random variables taking values in  $\mathbb{Z}_+ := \{1, 2, \dots\}$ , where  $N_n \xrightarrow{P} \infty$  and for any  $n \ge 1$ ,  $\{\zeta_{n,j}, j \ge 1\}$  and  $N_n$  are independent. Define

$$S_{N_n} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_n} \zeta_{n,j},$$

then we have the following result:

**Lemma 3.5.** If  $E(\zeta_{n,j}) \equiv 0$  and  $Var(\zeta_{n,j}) \equiv 1$ , then one has

$$\frac{S_{N_n}}{\sqrt{N_n}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1), n \to \infty.$$

**Proof.** Since  $\{\zeta_{n,j}, j \ge 1\}$  have the same distribution, we can set

$$\varphi_n(t) = E\left(exp\left(it\zeta_{n,j}\right)\right).$$

Note  $E(\zeta_{n,j}) \equiv 0$  and  $Var(\zeta_{n,j}) \equiv 1$ , according to (3.8) of [18] P101, one obtains

$$\varphi_n(s) = \varphi_n(0) + \varphi'_n(0)s + \frac{\varphi''_n(0)}{2!}s^2 + o(s^2) = 1 - \frac{s^2}{2} + o(\frac{s^2}{2}), (s \to 0).$$

For any fixed t and k large enough

$$\varphi_n\left(\frac{t}{\sqrt{k}}\right) = 1 - \frac{t^2}{2k} + o\left(\frac{1}{2k}\right).$$
(21)

Since for any  $n \ge 1$ ,  $\{N_n, \zeta_{n,j}, j \ge 1\}$  are independent, we have

$$E\left(\exp\left(it\frac{S_{N_n}}{\sqrt{N_n}}\right)\right) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} E\left(\exp\left(it\frac{S_{N_n}}{\sqrt{N_n}}\right)|N_n = k\right)P(N_n = k)$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} E\left(\exp\left(it\frac{S_k}{\sqrt{k}}\right)\right)P(N_n = k)$$
$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(E\left(\exp\left(it\frac{\zeta_{n,1}}{\sqrt{k}}\right)\right)\right)^k P(N_n = k).$$
(22)

Fix  $t \in \mathbb{R} := (-\infty, +\infty)$ , note that  $(1 - \frac{x}{n} + o(\frac{1}{n}))^n \to e^{-x}$   $(n \to \infty)$ , so there exists a constant  $M = M(\varepsilon) > 0$  such that for any  $k \ge M$  one has

$$\left| \left( 1 - \frac{t^2}{2k} + o\left(\frac{1}{2k}\right) \right)^k - \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \right| \le \frac{\varepsilon}{4}.$$
 (23)

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Since  $N_n \xrightarrow{P} \infty$ , for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists a constant  $N = N(\varepsilon) > 1$  such that for any  $n \ge N$  one has  $P(N_n \le M) < \frac{\varepsilon}{4}$ . Thus, when  $n \ge N$ , by (21),(22) and (23) one has

$$\Delta := \left| E\left(\exp\left(it\frac{S_{N_n}}{\sqrt{N_n}}\right)\right) - \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \right|$$

$$= \left| \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( E\left(\exp\left(it\frac{\zeta_{n,1}}{\sqrt{k}}\right)\right) \right)^k P(N_n = k) - \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \right|$$

$$\leq \left| \sum_{k=1}^{M} \left[ \left( E\left(\exp\left(it\frac{\zeta_{n,1}}{\sqrt{k}}\right)\right) \right)^k - \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \right] P(N_n = k) \right|$$

$$+ \left| \sum_{k=M+1}^{\infty} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{t^2}{2k} + o\left(\frac{1}{2k}\right) \right)^k - \exp\left(-\frac{t^2}{2}\right) \right] P(N_n = k) \right|$$

$$\leq 2 \cdot \frac{\varepsilon}{4} + \frac{\varepsilon}{4} \cdot \sum_{k=M+1}^{\infty} P(N_n = k) < \varepsilon.$$

This means the characteristic function of  $S_{N_n}/\sqrt{N_n}$  convergent to that of a standard normal random variable, so by Lévy continuous theorem we complete the proof of this lemma.

**Proof of Theorem 1.2.** By Lemma 3.1, for any  $n \ge 0, r \ge 1$  we have

$$Z_{n+r} - m_{n,r}Z_n = \sum_{j=1}^{Z_n} (X_{n,r}^{(j)} - m_{n,r}) + Y_{n,r} \quad a.s.,$$

where  $\{X_{n,r}^{(j)}, j \ge 1\}$  are i.i.d. and independent of  $Z_n$ ,  $E(X_{n,r})^{(j)} \equiv m_{n,r}$ ,  $Var(Z_{n,r}^{(j)}) \equiv \sigma_{n,r}^2$ . According to Lemma 3.5, if we can prove that  $Y_{n,r}/\sigma_{n,r}\sqrt{Z_n} \xrightarrow{P} 0$  when r fixed and  $n \to \infty$ , then we complete the proof of the first part of Theorem 1.2. In fact, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$P\left(\frac{Y_{n,r}}{\sigma_{n,r}\sqrt{Z_n}} \ge \epsilon\right) = E\left(P\left(\frac{Y_{n,r}}{\sigma_{n,r}\sqrt{Z_n}} \ge \epsilon | Z_n\right)\right) \le \frac{\theta_{n,r}^2}{\epsilon^2 \sigma_{n,r}^2} \cdot E\left(\frac{1}{Z_n}\right).$$

Note that  $Z_n \xrightarrow{P} \infty$  and  $Z_n \ge 1$ , for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists two constants N, M > 0 such that  $1/M < \epsilon/2$  and  $P(Z_n < M) < \epsilon/2$  for all  $n \ge N$ . When  $n \ge N$ ,

$$E\left(\frac{1}{Z_n}\right) = E\left(\frac{1}{Z_n}I_{[Z_n < M]}\right) + E\left(\frac{1}{Z_n}I_{[Z_n \ge M]}\right) \le 1 \cdot P(Z_n < M) + \frac{1}{M}P(Z_n \ge M) < \epsilon.$$

Since (2),(3) and (4) are satisfied, then

$$P\left(\frac{Y_{n,r}}{\sigma_{n,r}\sqrt{Z_n}} \ge \epsilon\right) \le \frac{bc}{\epsilon^2 d} \cdot E\left(\frac{1}{Z_n}\right) \to 0, \quad n \to \infty.$$

By Lemma 3.4, for any  $n \ge 1$  one has

$$Z_n - m_n W = \sum_{j=1}^{Z_n} \left( 1 - V_n^{(j)} \right) - I_n \quad a.s.,$$

where  $\{V_n^{(j)}; j \ge 1\}$  are i.i.d.and independent of  $Z_n$ ,  $E(V_n^{(j)}) \equiv 1$ ,  $Var(V_n^{(j)}) \equiv \sigma_n^2$ . Similarly, according to Lemma 3.5, if we can prove that  $I_n/\sigma_n\sqrt{Z_n} \xrightarrow{P} 0$  when  $n \to \infty$ , then we complete the proof of the second part of Theorem 1.2. In fact, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$P\left(\frac{I_n}{\sigma_n\sqrt{Z_n}} \ge \epsilon\right) = E\left(P\left(\frac{I_n}{\sigma_n\sqrt{Z_n}} \ge \epsilon | Z_n\right)\right) \le \frac{\theta_n^2}{\epsilon^2 \sigma_n^2} \cdot E\left(\frac{1}{Z_n}\right).$$

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Note that  $Z_n \xrightarrow{P} \infty$ , (2)-(4) are satisfied, then

$$P\left(\frac{I_n}{\sigma_n\sqrt{Z_n}} \ge \epsilon\right) \le \frac{bc}{\epsilon^2 d} \cdot E\left(\frac{1}{Z_n}\right) \to 0, \quad n \to \infty.$$

We complete the proof of Theorem 1.2.  $\square$ 

## 4 Convergence rate in the CLT for IGWVE

In order to prove Theorem 1.3, we need following lemmas.

**Lemma 4.1(c.f.[7]P322).** Let  $\{X_n, n \ge 1\}$  be a sequence of independent random variables with  $E(X_n) = 0, n = 1, 2, \cdots$ . Define

$$L_n = \sum_{j=1}^n X_j, \quad G_n(x) = P\left(\frac{L_n}{\sqrt{Var(L_n)}} \le x\right), n \ge 1, x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

If there exists an arbitrary small constant  $1 > \delta > 0$  such that

$$\Gamma_n^{2+\delta} := \sum_{j=1}^n E|X_j|^{2+\delta} < \infty,$$

then there exists a constant A such that

$$\sup_{x} |G_n(x) - \Phi(x)| \le A\Gamma_n^{2+\delta} [Var(L_n)]^{-(1+\delta/2)},$$

where  $\Phi(x)$  is the standard normal distribution.

**Lemma 4.2.** Let  $\{\zeta_{n,j}, j \ge 1, n \ge 1\}$  be a double sequence of random variables with mean zero and variance 1, where for any  $n \ge 1$ ,  $\{\zeta_{n,j}, j \ge 1\}$  are i.i.d..  $\{N_n, n \ge 1\}$  is a sequence of integer valued random variables with  $P(N_n \to \infty) = 1$ , as  $n \to \infty$ . For any  $n \ge 1$ ,  $N_n$  and  $\{\zeta_{n,j}, j \ge 1\}$  are independent.  $\{k_n, n \ge 1\}$  is a sequence of strictly increasing positive integers. Define

$$\widetilde{L}_n = \sum_{j=1}^{k_n} \zeta_{n,j}, \quad \widetilde{G}_n(x) = P\left(\frac{\widetilde{L}_n}{\sqrt{k_n}} \le x\right).$$
$$\widehat{L}_n = \sum_{j=1}^{N_n} \zeta_{n,j}, \quad \widehat{G}_n(x) = P\left(\frac{\widehat{L}_n}{\sqrt{N_n}} \le x\right).$$

If there exist two constants  $\delta$  and M > 0 such that for any  $n \ge 1$ ,

 $\gamma_n := E(|\zeta_{n,j}|^{2+\delta}) \le M,$ 

then there exists a constants C (not depend on  $\{k_n\}$ ) such that

$$\sup_{x} |\widetilde{G}_{n}(x) - \Phi(x)| \le Ck_{n}^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}, \quad \sup_{x} |\widehat{G}_{n}(x) - \Phi(x)| \le CE(N_{n}^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}).$$
(24)

**Proof.** Let C = AM, where A is chosen in Lemma 4.1, then using Lemma 4.1 we have the first inequality of (24). As for the second inequality, since for any  $n \ge 1$ ,  $N_n$  and  $\{\xi_{n,j}, j \ge 1\}$  are independent, so

$$\widehat{G}_n(x) - \Phi(x) = P\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_n} \xi_{n,i}}{\sqrt{N_n}} \le x\right) - \Phi(x)$$
$$= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[P\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{j} \xi_{n,i}}{\sqrt{j}} \le x\right) - \Phi(x)\right] P(N_n = j).$$

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By the first inequality of (24), one has

$$-CE\left(N_n^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right) = -C\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j^{-\frac{\delta}{2}} P(N_n = j) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(-C \cdot j^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right) P(N_n = j)$$
  
$$\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left(P\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{j} \xi_{n,i}}{\sqrt{j}} \le x\right) - \Phi(x)\right) P(N_n = j) \le CE\left(N_n^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right).$$

We complete the proof.  $\hfill\square$ 

**Lemma 4.3.** Assume that  $\{\zeta_{n,j}, j \ge 1, n \ge 1\}, \{N_n, n \ge 1\}$  satisfy the conditions of Lemma 4.2. Let  $\{\eta_n, n \ge 1\}$  be a sequence of independent random variables with  $E(|\eta_n|) < \infty$  and for any  $n \ge 1, \eta_n$  is independent of  $\{\zeta_{n,j}, j \ge 1\}$  and  $N_n$ . Define

$$\widetilde{L}_n = \sum_{j=1}^{N_n} \zeta_{n,j} + \eta_n, \quad \widetilde{H}_n(x) = P\left(\frac{\widetilde{L}_n}{\sqrt{N_n}} \le x\right),$$

then for any sequence  $\epsilon_n$  of positive constants one has

$$\sup_{x} |\widetilde{H}_{n}(x) - \Phi(x)| \le CE(N_{n}^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}) + \epsilon_{n}^{-1}E(|\eta_{n}|)E(N_{n}^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}) + \frac{\epsilon_{n}}{2}.$$
(25)

**Proof.** Let  $\Phi(x)$  be the distribution function of standard normal distribution. By Lemma 4.2 and the independence of  $\eta_n$  and  $\{\zeta_{n,j}, j \ge 1\}$  one has

$$-CE(N_{n}^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}) = -C\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j^{-\frac{\delta}{2}} P(N_{n} = j)$$

$$= -C\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j^{-\frac{\delta}{2}} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dP(j^{-\frac{1}{2}}\eta_{n} \leq y) \right] P(N_{n} = j)$$

$$\leq \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ P\left(j^{-\frac{1}{2}}\sum_{i=1}^{j}\zeta_{n,i} \leq x - y\right) - \Phi(x - y) \right\} dP(j^{-\frac{1}{2}}\eta_{n} \leq y) \right] P(N_{n} = j)$$

$$\leq CE(N_{n}^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}). \tag{26}$$

But,

$$\nabla_{n} := \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ P\left(j^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{i=1}^{j} \zeta_{n,i} \le x - y\right) - \Phi(x - y) \right\} dP(j^{-\frac{1}{2}} \eta_{n} \le y) \right] P(N_{n} = j) \\
= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[ P\left(j^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{j} \zeta_{n,i} + \eta_{n}\right) \le x\right) - P(\zeta + j^{-\frac{1}{2}} \eta_{n} \le x) \right] P(N_{n} = j) \\
= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[ P\left(j^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{j} \zeta_{n,i} + \eta_{n}\right) \le x | N_{n} = j\right) - P(\zeta + j^{-\frac{1}{2}} \eta_{n} \le x | N_{n} = j) \right] P(N_{n} = j) \\
= P\left( N_{n}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{N_{n}} \zeta_{n,i} + \eta_{n}\right) \le x \right) - P(\zeta + N_{n}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \eta_{n} \le x) \\
= \widetilde{H}_{n}(x) - P(\zeta + N_{n}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \eta_{n} \le x),$$
(27)

where  $\zeta$  has the standard normal distribution and is independent of  $\eta_n$ . By (26) and (27),

$$\sup_{x} |\tilde{H}_{n}(x) - P(\zeta + N_{n}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \eta_{n} \le x)| \le CE(N_{n}^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}).$$
(28)

Now for any  $\epsilon_n > 0$ 

$$P(\zeta + N_n^{-\frac{1}{2}}\eta_n \le x) = P(\zeta + N_n^{-\frac{1}{2}}\eta_n \le x, N_n^{-\frac{1}{2}}|\eta_n| \le \epsilon_n) + P(\zeta + N_n^{-\frac{1}{2}}\eta_n \le x, N_n^{-\frac{1}{2}}|\eta_n| > \epsilon_n) \le P(\zeta \le x + \epsilon_n) + P(N_n^{-\frac{1}{2}}|\eta_n| > \epsilon_n).$$
(29)

Similarly, we have

$$P(\zeta + N_n^{-\frac{1}{2}}\eta_n > x) \le P(\zeta > x - \epsilon_n) + P(N_n^{-\frac{1}{2}}|\eta_n| > \epsilon_n),$$

or equivalently,

$$P(\zeta + N_n^{-\frac{1}{2}}\eta_n \le x) \ge P(\zeta \le x - \epsilon_n) - P(N_n^{-\frac{1}{2}}|\eta_n| > \epsilon_n).$$
(30)

Also, by mean value theorem, we know that

$$\sup_{x} |P(\zeta \le x - \epsilon_n) - P(\zeta \le x)| = \sup_{x} |\Phi(x - \epsilon_n) - \Phi(x)|$$
$$= \sup_{x} \Phi'(\alpha(x))\epsilon_n < \frac{\epsilon_n}{2}.$$
(31)

Similarly,

$$\sup_{x} |P(\zeta \le x + \epsilon_n) - P(\zeta \le x)| < \frac{\epsilon_n}{2}.$$
(32)

By (29)-(32) and Markov inequality one has

$$\Lambda_{n} := \sup_{x} |P(\zeta + N_{n}^{-\frac{1}{2}} \eta_{n} \leq x) - \Phi(x)| \leq P(N_{n}^{-\frac{1}{2}} |\eta_{n}| > \epsilon_{n}) + \frac{\epsilon_{n}}{2} \\
\leq \epsilon_{n}^{-1} E(N_{n}^{-\frac{1}{2}} |\eta_{n}|) + \frac{\epsilon_{n}}{2} = \epsilon_{n}^{-1} E(N_{n}^{-\frac{1}{2}}) E(|\eta_{n}|) + \frac{\epsilon_{n}}{2}.$$
(33)

By (28) and (33) one obtain (25). We complete the proof of Lemma 4.3.  $\hfill\square$ 

**Lemma 4.4.** Let  $\{Z_n, n \ge 0\}$  be an IGWVE. If (2)-(5) are satisfied, then there exists constants  $\{C_r, r \ge 1\}$  and D such that for any sequence  $\{\epsilon_n, n \ge 1\}$  of positive constants,

$$\sup_{x} |Q_{n,r}(x) - \Phi(x)| \le C_r E\left(Z_n^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right) + (\epsilon_n \sigma_{n,r})^{-1} \pi_{n,r} E\left(Z_n^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right) + \frac{\epsilon_n}{2},\tag{34}$$

$$\sup_{x} |Q_n(x) - \Phi(x)| \le DE(Z_n^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}) + (\epsilon_n \sigma_n)^{-1} \pi_n E\left(Z_n^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right) + \frac{\epsilon_n}{2}.$$
(35)

**Proof.** By Lemma 3.1 one has

$$\frac{Z_{n+r} - m_{n,r}Z_n}{\sigma_{n,r}} = \sum_{j=1}^{Z_n} \frac{X_{n,r}^{(j)} - m_{n,r}}{\sigma_{n,r}} + \frac{Y_{n,r}}{\sigma_{n,r}} \quad a.s.,$$

where  $\{X_{n,r}^{(j)}; j \ge 1\}$  are i.i.d. and are independent of  $Z_n$  and  $Y_{n,r}$ . Furthermore,

$$E\left(\frac{X_{n,r}^{(j)} - m_{n,r}}{\sigma_{n,r}}\right) \equiv 0, \quad Var\left(\frac{X_{n,r}^{(j)} - m_{n,r}}{\sigma_{n,r}}\right) \equiv 1.$$

Note that  $Y_{n,r}$  is independent of  $Z_n$ , by Lemma 4.3 and (5) we obtain (34).

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Similarly, by Lemma 3.4 one has

$$\frac{Z_n - m_n W}{\sigma_n} = \sum_{j=1}^{Z_n} \frac{1 - V_n^{(j)}}{\sigma_n} + \frac{I_n}{\sigma_n},$$

where  $\{V_n^{(j)}; j \ge 1\}$  are i.i.d. and are independent of  $Z_n$  and  $I_n$ . Furthermore,

$$E\left(\frac{V_n^{(j)}-1}{\sigma_n}\right) \equiv 0, \quad Var\left(\frac{V_n^{(j)}-1}{\sigma_n}\right) \equiv 1.$$

Note that  $I_n$  is independent of  $Z_n$ , by Lemma 4.3 and (5) we obtain (35).

**Proof of Theorem 1.3.** Note that by Lemma 3.1, for any  $n \ge 1, r \ge 1$ , one has

$$\frac{\pi_{n,r}}{\sigma_{n,r}} = \frac{\sum_{i=n+1}^{n+r} \nu_i m_{i,n+r-i}}{m_{n,r} \sqrt{\sum_{j=n}^{n+r-1} \frac{\delta_j^2}{\mu_j^2 m_{n,j-n}}}} \le \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+r} \frac{\nu_i}{m_{n,i-n}} \le \frac{c}{d}$$

and by Lemma 3.4, for any  $n \ge 1$  we have

$$\frac{\pi_n}{\sigma_n} = \frac{\sum_{i=n+1}^{\infty} \frac{\nu_i}{m_{i,i-n}}}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_j^2}{\mu_j^2 m_{n,j-n}}}} \le \frac{c}{d}.$$

Taking  $\epsilon_n = \left[ E\left(Z_n^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$  in (34) and (35), C = c/d + 1/2, one obtains Theorem 1.3.  $\Box$ 

## 5 The LIL for IGWVE

In order to prove Theorem 1.4 we need the following lemmas. **Lemma 5.1.** For any  $\varepsilon > 0$  one has

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 - \Phi((1+\varepsilon)(2\log n)^{\frac{1}{2}})] < \infty \text{ and } \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} [1 - \Phi((1-\varepsilon)(2\log n)^{\frac{1}{2}})] = \infty.$$
(36)

**Proof.** For any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , one has

$$1 - \Phi((1+\varepsilon)(2\log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \int_{(1+\varepsilon)(2\log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt \le \sum_{m=m_0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{m^2}{2}} \\ \le \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{m_0(m_0+i)}{2}} = N \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{e^{m_0}}}\right)^i,$$
(37)

where  $m_0 = \left[ (1+\varepsilon)(2\log n)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right] - 1$  and  $N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-\frac{m_0^2}{2}}$ . When n is large enough one has  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{e^{m_0}}} < \frac{1}{2}$ , so

$$1 - \Phi((1+\varepsilon)(2\log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}) \le N \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{e^{m_0}}}\right)^i \le 2N = O(n^{-(1+\varepsilon)^2}),$$
(38)

so we obtain the first formula of (36).

$$1 - \Phi((1 - \varepsilon)(2\log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \int_{(1 - \varepsilon)(2\log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{t^2}{2}} dt \ge cn^{-(1 - \varepsilon)^2},$$
(39)

where c is some positive constant. We obtain the second formula of (36) by (39).  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 5.2.** Let  $\{Z_n; n \ge 0\}$  be an IGWVE, then for any fixed  $r \ge 1$ ,  $\{Z_{rn}; n \ge 0\}$  is an IGWVE. If (2)-(5) are satisfied, then

$$\sup_{x} |Q_{rn,r}(x) - \Phi(x)| \le C_r E\left(Z_{rn}^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right) + C\left[E\left(Z_{rn}^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}},\tag{40}$$

where  $C_r$  and C are defined in Theorem 1.3.

Proof. For any fixed  $r \ge 1$ , let  $Z'_n = Z_{rn}$ , by Lemma 3.1 one has

$$Z'_{n+1} = Z_{rn+r} = \sum_{j=1}^{Z_{rn}} X_{rn,r}^{(j)} + Y_{rn,r} = \sum_{j=1}^{Z'_n} X_{rn,r}^{(j)} + Y_{rn,r},$$

and for any  $n \ge 0$ ,  $\{X_{rn,r}^{(j)}, j \ge 1\}$  are i.i.d. By the proof of Lemma 3.1 one may see that  $\{X_{rn,r}^{(j)}, j \ge 1\}$  are independent of  $\{Z'_1, Z'_2, \cdots, Z'_n\}$  and  $Y_{rn,r}, \{Y_{rn,r}, n \ge 0\}$  are independent and for any  $n \ge 1$ ,  $Y_{rn,r}$  is independent of  $Z'_n$ , so  $\{Z_{rn}; n \ge 0\}$  is in fact an IGWVE.

(40) is derived from Theorem 1.3.  $\Box$ 

**Proof of Theorem 1.4.** We only need to prove the lim sup part because of symmetry. Note that (2) and (4) are satisfied by (9). According to Theorem 1.3 and the assumption that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ E\left(Z_n^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} < \infty$  one has

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sup_{x} |Q_{n,r}(x) - \Phi(x)| < \infty.$$
(41)

By Lemma 5.1 one has that for any  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - \Phi((1+\varepsilon)(2\log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}) \right] < \infty,$$

so applying (41) one obtains

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - Q_{n,r} \left( (1+\varepsilon)(2\log n)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right] < \infty.$$

$$\tag{42}$$

Using (42) and Borel-Cantelli Lemma one has

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{Z_{n+r} - m_{n,r} Z_n}{(2\sigma_{n,r}^2 Z_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \le 1 \quad a.s..$$
(43)

and

$$\liminf_{n \to \infty} \frac{Z_{n+r} - m_{n,r} Z_n}{(2\sigma_{n,r}^2 Z_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \ge -1 \quad a.s..$$
(44)

Fix r = 1. For any  $0 < \varepsilon < 1, n \ge 2$ , define

$$A_{n} = \left\{ Z_{n} - \mu_{n-1} Z_{n-1} > (1 - \varepsilon) \delta_{n-1} (2Z_{n-1} \log(n-1))^{\frac{1}{2}} \right\},\$$

we know that  $A_n \in \sigma(Z_1, Z_2, \cdots, Z_n)$ . Observe that

$$P(A_{n+1}|Z_1, Z_2, \cdots, Z_n) = P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{Z_n} (\xi_{n,i} - \mu_n) + Y_{n+1} > (1 - \varepsilon)\delta_n (2Z_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}} |Z_n\right)$$
  

$$\geq P\left(\sum_{i=1}^{Z_n} (\xi_{n,i} - \mu_n) > (1 - \varepsilon)\delta_n (2Z_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}} |Z_n\right)$$
  

$$\geq 1 - \Phi\left((1 - \varepsilon)(2\log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right) - CZ_n^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}, \qquad (45)$$

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where the last inequality is derived from Lemma 4.3 when  $N_n$  is a constant. By Lemma 5.1,

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - \Phi((1-\varepsilon)(2\log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}) \right] = \infty.$$
(46)

According to the assumption that  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[ E\left(Z_n^{-\frac{\delta}{2}}\right) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} < \infty$ , (45) and (46) one has

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_{n+1}|Z_1, Z_2, \cdots, Z_n) = \infty,$$

then by the extension of Borel-Cantelli lemma (cf. [16] Corollary 7.20 ) one has  ${\cal P}(A_n \ i.o.) = 1,$  which implies

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{Z_{n+1} - \mu_n Z_n}{(2\delta_n^2 Z_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \ge 1 \quad a.s..$$
(47)

Given r > 1, we use  $Z'_n$  to denote  $Z_{rn}$ . Then by Lemma 5.2 one has that  $\{Z'_n, n \ge 0\}$  is an IGWVE. Applying the method for the proof of the case r = 1 to the process  $\{Z'_n, n \ge 0\}$ ,

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{Z'_{n+1} - m_{rn,r} Z'_n}{(2\sigma_{rn,r}^2 Z'_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \ge 1 \quad a.s.,$$

which means

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{Z_{rn+r} - m_{rn,r} Z_{rn}}{(2\sigma_{rn,r}^2 Z_{rn} \log rn)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \ge 1 \quad a.s..$$

But for any fixed r > 1,

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{Z_{n+r} - m_{n,r} Z_n}{(2\sigma_{n,r}^2 Z_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \ge \limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{Z_{rn+r} - m_{rn,r} Z_{rn}}{(2\sigma_{rn,r}^2 Z_{rn} \log rn)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \ge 1 \quad a.s..$$
(48)

Finally we derive (10) from (43) and (48).

According to Theorem 1.3 one has

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sup_{x} |Q_n(x) - \Phi(x)| < \infty, \tag{49}$$

but Lemma 5.1 tells us for any  $\varepsilon>0$ 

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - \Phi\left( (1+\varepsilon)(2\log n)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right] < \infty,$$

so by (49) one has

$$\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left[ 1 - Q_n \left( (1+\delta)(2\log n)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right] < \infty.$$

Thus by the Borel-Cantelli Lemma,

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{Z_n - m_n W}{(2\sigma_n^2 Z_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \le 1 \quad a.s. \quad \text{and} \quad \liminf_{n \to \infty} \frac{Z_n - m_n W}{(2\sigma_n^2 Z_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \ge -1 \quad a.s.. \tag{50}$$

As for the lower bound, first note that

$$\liminf_{n \to \infty} \frac{m_n W - Z_n}{(2\sigma_n^2 Z_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \le \liminf_{n \to \infty} \frac{m_{n,r}^{-1} Z_{n+r} - Z_n}{(2\sigma_n^2 Z_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} - \liminf_{n \to \infty} \frac{m_{n,r}^{-1} Z_{n+r} - m_n W}{(2\sigma_n^2 Z_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} =: I_1 - I_2, \quad (51)$$

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but by (10) we have

$$I_1 \le -\inf_n \frac{\sigma_{n,r}}{\sigma_n m_{n,r}} \quad a.s.,\tag{52}$$

recalling the assumptions that for any  $k \ge 1$ ,  $\alpha \le \mu_k \le \beta$ ,  $\gamma^2 \le \delta_k^2 \le \tau^2$  and the definition of  $\sigma_{n,r}$  and  $\sigma_n$  one derives

$$1 - K_2 \beta^{-r} \ge \frac{\sigma_{n,r}}{\sigma_n m_{n,r}} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{j=n+r}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_j^2}{\mu_j^2 m_{n,j-n}}}{\sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_j^2}{\mu_j^2 m_{n,j-n}}} \ge 1 - K_1 \alpha^{-r},$$
(53)

where  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  are two positive constants. Now we consider  $I_2$ . One sees that

$$\frac{m_{n,r}^{-1}Z_{n+r} - m_n W}{(2\sigma_n^2 Z_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} = \frac{Z_{n+r} - m_{n+r} W}{(2\sigma_{n+r}^2 Z_{n+r} \log(n+r))^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot \left[\frac{\frac{Z_{n+r}}{m_{n+r}}}{\frac{Z_n}{m_n}}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \left[\frac{\sigma_{n+r}^2}{m_{n,r}\sigma_n^2}\right]^{\frac{1}{2}},$$
(54)

so according to (54) we have

$$I_2 \ge -\sup_n \left[ \frac{\sigma_{n+r}^2}{m_{n,r} \sigma_n^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad a.s.,$$
(55)

but  $\sup_n \frac{1}{m_{n,r}} \leq \alpha^{-r}$  and

$$\sup_{n} \frac{\sigma_{n+r}^{2}}{\sigma_{n}^{2}} \le \frac{\sum_{j=n+r}^{\infty} \frac{\tau^{2}}{\alpha^{j-n-r+2}}}{\sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \frac{\gamma^{2}}{\beta^{j-n+2}}} \le \frac{\tau^{2}}{\gamma^{2}} =: K_{3}.$$
(56)

Since r is arbitrary, by (51)-(56) one has

$$\liminf_{n \to \infty} \frac{m_n W - Z_n}{(2\sigma_n^2 Z_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \le -1 \quad a.s.,$$

which implies

$$\limsup_{n \to \infty} \frac{Z_n - m_n W}{(2\sigma_n^2 Z_n \log n)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \ge 1 \quad a.s.. \quad \Box$$

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