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HOLDERIAN WEAK INVARIANCE PRINCIPLE FOR STATIONARY MIXING SEQUENCES

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ABSTRACT. We provide some sufficient mixing conditions on a strictly stationary sequence in order to guarantee the weak invariance principle in Hölder spaces. Strong mixing, ρ -mixing conditions are investigated as well as τ -dependent sequences. The main tools are Fuk-Nagaev type inequalities for mixing sequences.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Context and notations. Let $(X_j)_{j \geq 0}$ be a strictly stationary sequence of real valued random variables with zero mean and finite variance, and for an integer $n \geq 1$, $S_n := \sum_{j=1}^n X_j$ denotes the n -th partial sum. Its variance is denoted by σ_n^2 . Let us consider the partial sum process

$$(1.1) \quad S_n^{\text{pl}}(t) := \sum_{j=1}^{[nt]} X_j + (nt - [nt])X_{[nt]+1}, \quad n \geq 1, t \in [0, 1].$$

We are interested in the asymptotic behavior of $\sigma_n^{-1} S_n^{\text{pl}}(\cdot)$ viewed as a random function in some function spaces.

Notation 1.1. If $T: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ is a bi-measurable measure preserving map, we define for $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and a positive integer n the n th partial sum $S_n(f) := \sum_{j=1}^n f \circ T^j$ and $\sigma_n^2(f) := \mathbb{E}[S_n^2] - (\mathbb{E}[S_n])^2$ denotes its variance. We shall also consider $S_n^{\text{pl}}(f)$ defined in a similar way as in (1.1), that is,

$$(1.2) \quad S_n^{\text{pl}}(f, t) := S_{[nt]}(f) + (nt - [nt])f \circ T^{[nt]+1},$$

and $W_n(f, t) := n^{-1/2} S_n^{\text{pl}}(f, t)$.

In all the paper, the involved sequences of random variable are assumed to be strictly stationary.

When $(X_j)_{j \geq 0}$ is an independent identically distributed sequence, Donsker showed (cf. [4]) that $(n^{-1/2}(\mathbb{E}(X_1^2))^{-1/2} S_n^{\text{pl}})_{n \geq 1}$ converges in distribution in the space of continuous functions on the unit interval to a standard Brownian motion W . An intensive research has then been performed to extend this result to stationary weakly dependent sequences. We refer the reader to [10] for the main theorems in this area.

In this paper, we rather focus on the convergence in distribution of the partial sum in other function spaces.

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1.2. Hölder spaces. It is well known that standard Brownian motion's paths are almost surely Hölder regular of exponent α for each $\alpha \in (0, 1/2)$, hence it is natural to consider the random function defined in (1.2) as an element of $\mathcal{H}_\alpha[0, 1]$ and try to establish its weak convergence to a standard Brownian motion in this function space.

Before stating the results in this direction, let us define for $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ the Hölder space $\mathcal{H}_\alpha[0, 1]$ of functions $x: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $\sup_{s \neq t} |x(s) - x(t)| / |s - t|^\alpha$ is finite. The analogue of the continuity modulus in $C[0, 1]$ is w_α , defined by

$$w_\alpha(x, \delta) = \sup_{0 < |t-s| < \delta} \frac{|x(t) - x(s)|}{|t - s|^\alpha}.$$

We then define $\mathcal{H}_\alpha^0[0, 1]$ by $\mathcal{H}_\alpha^0[0, 1] := \{x \in \mathcal{H}_\alpha[0, 1], \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} w_\alpha(x, \delta) = 0\}$. We shall essentially work with the space $\mathcal{H}_\alpha^0[0, 1]$ which, endowed with $\|\cdot\|_\alpha : x \mapsto w_\alpha(x, 1) + |x(0)|$, is a separable Banach space (while $\mathcal{H}_\alpha[0, 1]$ is not). Since the canonical embedding $\iota: \mathcal{H}_\alpha^0[0, 1] \rightarrow \mathcal{H}_\alpha[0, 1]$ is continuous, each convergence in distribution in $\mathcal{H}_\alpha^0[0, 1]$ also takes place in $\mathcal{H}_\alpha[0, 1]$.

In order to prove such a convergence, we need a tightness criterion. Combining Theorem 14 in [21] in the particular case of the partial sum process (1.2) with Lemma 3.3 in [11], the condition (1.3)

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{j=1}^{\log[n\delta]} 2^j \mu \left\{ \max_{1 \leq k \leq [n\delta]2^{-j}} |S_k(f)| > \frac{\sigma_n}{n^\alpha} \varepsilon ([n\delta]2^{-j})^\alpha \right\} = 0$$

(where \log denotes the binary logarithm) is sufficient for tightness of the sequence $(\sigma_n^{-1}(f)S_n^{\text{pl}}(f))_{n \geq 1}$ in $\mathcal{H}_\alpha^0[0, 1]$.

In the partial case of linear variance (that is, $\sigma_n^2 \sim cn$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ for some constant c), we will normalize by \sqrt{n} . Using the change of indexes $k = \log[n\delta] - j$ (so that $2^{-j} = 2^k/[n\delta]$), this leads to the following tightness criterion for $(W_n(f))_{n \geq 1}$ in $\mathcal{H}_\alpha^0[0, 1]$:

$$(1.4) \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0, \quad \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sum_{k=1}^{\log[n\delta]} 2^{-k} \mu \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq 2^k} |S_i(f)| > \varepsilon 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p} \right\} = 0,$$

where $\alpha = 1/2 - 1/p$.

As mentioned before, the random function defined in (1.1) can be viewed as an element of $\mathcal{H}_\alpha[0, 1]$, $\alpha \in (0, 1/2)$ and we can try to establish the weak convergence of the sequence $(\sigma_n^{-1}S_n^{\text{pl}}(f))_{n \geq 1}$ to a standard Brownian motion in this function space. To the best of our knowledge, it seems that the study of this kind of convergence was not as intensive as in the space of continuous functions or the Skorohod space. The first result in this direction was established by Lamperti in [9]: if $(X_j)_{j \geq 0}$ is an i.i.d. sequence with $\mathbb{E}[X_0] = 0$, $\mathbb{E}[X_0^2] = 1$ and $\mathbb{E}|X_0|^p$ is finite, then the sequence $(n^{-1/2}S_n^{\text{pl}})_{n \geq 1}$ converges to a standard Brownian motion in $\mathcal{H}_\gamma^0[0, 1]$ for each $\gamma < 1/2 - 1/p$. Later, Račkauskas and Suquet improved this result (cf. [13]), showing that for an i.i.d. zero mean sequence, a necessary and sufficient condition to obtain the invariance principle in $\mathcal{H}_{1/2-1/p}^0[0, 1]$ is $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^p \mu\{|X_0| > t\} = 0$ (in [14] they considered the case of more general Hölder spaces, where the role of $t \mapsto t^\alpha$ is played by $t \mapsto t^\alpha L(t)$ with some conditions on L).

Thus, establishing the weak convergence of the partial sum process in Hölder spaces requires, even in the independent case, finite moment of order greater than 2 and the moment condition depends on the exponent of the considered Hölder space. It is a natural question to ask about generalizations of the result by Račkauskas and Suquet for dependent sequences. In this paper, we focus on strictly stationary sequences satisfying some mixing conditions (see next section).

1.3. Mixing conditions. We present the mixing conditions involved in the paper.

Let \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} be two sub- σ -algebras of \mathcal{F} , where $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ is a probability space. We define the α -mixing coefficients as introduced by Rosenblatt in [17]:

$$\alpha(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) := \sup \{ |\mu(A \cap B) - \mu(A)\mu(B)|, A \in \mathcal{A}, B \in \mathcal{B} \}.$$

The ρ -mixing coefficients were introduced by Hirschfeld [7] and are defined by

$$\rho(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) := \sup \{ |\text{Corr}(f, g)|, f \in \mathbb{L}^2(\mathcal{A}), g \in \mathbb{L}^2(\mathcal{B}), f \neq 0, g \neq 0 \},$$

where $\text{Corr}(f, g) := [\mathbb{E}(fg) - \mathbb{E}(f)\mathbb{E}(g)] [\|f - \mathbb{E}(f)\|_{\mathbb{L}^2} \|g - \mathbb{E}(g)\|_{\mathbb{L}^2}]^{-1}$.

The coefficients are related by the inequalities

$$(1.5) \quad 4\alpha(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}) \leq \rho(\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}).$$

For a strictly stationary sequence $(X_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ and $n \geq 0$ we define $\alpha_X(n) = \alpha(n) = \alpha(\mathcal{F}_{-\infty}^0, \mathcal{F}_n^\infty)$ where \mathcal{F}_u^v is the σ -algebra generated by X_k with $u \leq k \leq v$ (if $u = -\infty$ or $v = \infty$, the corresponding inequality is strict). In the same way we define coefficients $\rho_X(n)$.

When there will be no ambiguity, we shall simply write $\alpha(n)$ and $\rho(n)$ for simplicity.

We say that the sequence $(X_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ is *α -mixing* if $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \alpha(n) = 0$, and similarly we define *ρ -mixing* sequences.

α -mixing sequences were considered in the mentioned references, while ρ -mixing sequences first appeared in [8]. Inequality (1.5) translated in terms of mixing coefficients of a sequence states that for each positive integer n ,

$$4\alpha(n) \leq \rho(n).$$

In particular, a ρ -mixing sequence is α -mixing.

1.4. τ -dependence coefficient. In order to define the τ -dependence coefficients of a stationary sequence, we first need a result about conditional probability (see Theorem 33.3 of [1]).

Lemma 1.2. *Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ be a probability space, \mathcal{M} a sub- σ -algebra of \mathcal{F} and X a real-valued random variable with distribution μ_X . There exists a function $\mu_{X|\mathcal{M}}$ from $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \times \Omega$ to $[0, 1]$ such that*

- (1) *For any $\omega \in \Omega$, $\mu_{X|\mathcal{M}}(\cdot, \omega)$ is a probability measure on $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$.*
- (2) *For any $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$, $\mu_{X|\mathcal{M}}(A, \cdot)$ is a version of $\mathbb{E}[\chi_{\{X \in A\}} | \mathcal{M}]$.*

We now introduce the τ -dependence coefficients as in [3]. We denote by $\Lambda_1(\mathbb{R})$ the collection of 1-Lipschitz functions from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} and define the quantity

$$W(\mu_{X|\mathcal{M}}) := \sup \left\{ \left| \int f(x) \mu_{X|\mathcal{M}}(dx) - \int f(x) \mu_X(dx) \right|, f \in \Lambda_1(\mathbb{R}) \right\}.$$

For an integrable random variable X and a sub- σ -algebra \mathcal{M} , the coefficient τ is defined by

$$(1.6) \quad \tau(\mathcal{M}, X) = \|W(\mu_{X|\mathcal{M}})\|_1.$$

This definition can be extended to random variables with values in finite dimensional vector spaces. If d is a positive integer, we endow \mathbb{R}^d with the norm $\|x - y\| := \sum_{j=1}^d |x_j - y_j|$ and define $\Lambda_1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ as the set of 1-Lipschitz functions from \mathbb{R}^d to \mathbb{R} .

Definition 1.3. Let $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ be a probability space, \mathcal{M} a sub- σ -algebra of \mathcal{F} and X an \mathbb{R}^d -valued random variable. We define

$$(1.7) \quad \tau(\mathcal{M}, X) := \sup \{ \tau(\mathcal{M}, f(X)), f \in \Lambda_1(E) \}.$$

We can now introduce the τ -mixing coefficient for a sequence of real-valued random variables.

Definition 1.4. Let $(X_i)_{i \geq 1}$ be a sequence of random variables and $(\mathcal{M}_i)_{i \geq 1}$ a sequence of sub- σ -algebras of \mathcal{F} . For any positive integer k , define

$$(1.8) \quad \tau(i) := \max_{p, l \geq 1} \frac{1}{l} \sup \{ \tau(\mathcal{M}_p, (X_{j_1}, \dots, X_{j_l})), p + i \leq j_1 < \dots < j_l \}.$$

In the sequel, we shall focus on the case $\mathcal{M}_i := \sigma(X_k, k \leq i)$.

Notation 1.5. Let $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a random variable. We denote $Q_X(\cdot)$ the inverse function defined by $Q_X(u) := \inf \{ t, \mu \{ |X| > t \} \leq u \}$. If $(f \circ T^j)_{j \geq 0}$ is a strictly stationary sequence and $(\alpha(n))_{n \geq 1}$ is its sequence of α -mixing coefficients, we denote by $\alpha^{-1}(u)$ the number of indices n for which $\alpha(n) \geq u$. More generally, if $(\delta_i)_{i \geq 0}$ is a non-increasing sequence of non-negative numbers, we define $\delta^{-1}(u) := \inf \{ k \in \mathbb{N}, \delta_k \leq u \}$.

We can compare the τ -dependence coefficient with the α -mixing coefficients. The following is a simplified version of Lemma 7 of [2].

Lemma 1.6. Let $(f \circ T^j)_{j \geq 0}$ be a strictly stationary sequence. Then for each integer i , the following inequality holds:

$$(1.9) \quad \tau(i) \leq 2 \int_0^{2\alpha(i)} Q_f(u) du.$$

In [2], "Application 1: causal linear processes" (p. 871), Dedecker and Prieur provide an example of a process whose τ -dependence coefficients converge to 0 as fast as 2^{-i} but $\alpha_i = 1/4$ for each positive integer i .

2. MAIN RESULTS

2.1. Mixing sequences. In this subsection, we give sufficient mixing conditions which guarantee the convergence of the sequence $(W_n(f))_{n \geq 1}$ to a Brownian motion in the space $\mathcal{H}_{1/2-1/p}^0[0, 1]$, $p > 2$.

We refer the reader to Notations 1.5 and A.2.

Theorem 2.1. Let $p > 2$ and let $(f \circ T^j)_{j \geq 0}$ be a strictly stationary centered sequence such that

$$(2.1) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^{p-1} \int_0^1 Q_f(u) \mathbf{1} \left\{ \left((\tau/2)^{-1} \circ G_f^{-1} \right) (u) Q_f(u) > t \right\} du = 0.$$

Then

$$(2.2) \quad W_n(f) \rightarrow \sigma(f)W \text{ in distribution in } \mathcal{H}_{1/2-1/p}^0[0, 1],$$

where $\sigma^2(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_n^2(f)/n$.

Using the comparison between α and τ , we can deduce a condition in the spirit of that of Doukhan, Massart and Rio (see [5]). One can also derive it from the tightness criterion (1.4) and Theorem 6.2 of [15].

Corollary 2.2. *Let $p > 2$ and let $(f \circ T^j)_{j \geq 0}$ be a strictly stationary centered sequence such that*

$$(2.3) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^{p-1} \int_0^1 Q_f(u) \mathbf{1} \{ \alpha^{-1}(u) Q_f(u) > t \} du = 0.$$

Then

$$(2.4) \quad W_n(f) \rightarrow \sigma(f)W \text{ in distribution in } \mathcal{H}_{1/2-1/p}^0[0, 1],$$

where $\sigma^2(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_n^2(f)/n$.

Remark 2.3. Assume that the sequence $(f \circ T^j)_{j \geq 0}$ is independent and that $t^p \mu \{|f| > t\} \rightarrow 0$. Then the condition of Theorem 2.1 is satisfied. Indeed, since $Q_f(U)$ is distributed as $|f|$ if U is uniformly distributed on $[0, 1]$, both conditions (2.2) and (2.4) read

$$(2.5) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^{p-1} \mathbb{E} [|f| \mathbf{1} \{|f| > t\}] = 0.$$

As

$$\begin{aligned} t^{p-1} \mathbb{E} [|f| \mathbf{1} \{|f| > t\}] &= t^{p-1} \int_0^\infty \mu \{|f| > \max\{u, t\}\} du \\ &= t^p \mu \{|f| > t\} + t^{p-1} \int_t^\infty \mu \{|f| > u\} du \\ &\leq t^p \mu \{|f| > t\} + \sup_{s \geq t} s^p \mu \{|f| > s\} / (p-1), \end{aligned}$$

condition (2.5) is satisfied hence we can derive the result by Račkauskas and Suquet in the i.i.d. case from Theorem 2.1. This contrasts with Theorem 17 of [6], from which we can only deduce the result by Lamperti (cf. [9]) in the i.i.d. case.

We conclude this subsection by a result on ρ -mixing sequences.

Theorem 2.4. *Let $p > 2$ and let $(f \circ T^j)_{j \geq 0}$ be a strictly stationary centered sequence such that $t^p \mu \{|f| > t\} \rightarrow 0$ as $t \rightarrow +\infty$ and $\sum_{i=0}^\infty \rho(2^i) < \infty$. Then*

$$(2.6) \quad W_n(f) \rightarrow \sigma(f)W \text{ in distribution in } \mathcal{H}_{1/2-1/p}^0[0, 1],$$

where $\sigma^2(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sigma_n^2(f)/n$.

2.2. A counter-example. In this subsection, we show that boundedness of the sequence of p th moments of the normalized partial sums is not enough to guarantee tightness in $\mathcal{H}_{1/2-1/p}[0, 1]$.

Theorem 2.5. *Let $p > 2$. There exists a strictly stationary sequence $(f \circ T^j)_{j \geq 0}$ such that*

- *the finite dimensional distributions of $(W_n(f))_{n \geq 1}$ converge to those of a standard Brownian motion,*
- *the sequence $(\mathbb{E} |S_n(f)|^p / n^{p/2})_{n \geq 1}$ is bounded and*
- *the process $(W_n(f))_{n \geq 1}$ is not tight in $\mathcal{H}_{1/2-1/p}[0, 1]$.*

Remark 2.6. The constructed process has no reason to be α -mixing. However, this proves that in general, establishing tightness in $\mathcal{H}_{1/2-1/p}^0[0, 1]$ of $(W_n(f))_{n \geq 1}$ cannot be done by proving boundedness in \mathbb{L}^p of the sequence $(W_n(f))_{n \geq 1}$. Thus other methods need to be used.

Let us recall that a sequence $(c_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is *slowly varying* if there exists a continuous function $h: \mathbb{R}_+^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+^*$ such that $c_n = h(n)$ for each positive integer n and for each positive x , $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} h(tx)/h(t) = 1$.

Remark 2.7. If $p > 2$ and $(f \circ T^j)_{j \geq 0}$ is a strictly stationary centered sequence such that the finite dimensional distributions of $(\sigma_n^{-1} S_n^{\text{pl}}(f))_{n \geq 1}$ converge to those of a standard Brownian motion, the sequence $(\sigma_n^2(f)/n)_{n \geq 1}$ is slowly varying, and the sequence $(\mathbb{E} |S_n(f)|^p / \sigma_n^p)_{n \geq 1}$ is bounded, then for each $\gamma < 1/2 - 1/p$ the sequence $(\sigma_n^{-1} S_n^{\text{pl}}(f))_{n \geq 1}$ converges in distribution in $\mathcal{H}_\alpha^0[0, 1]$ to a standard Brownian motion. This can be seen using tightness criterion (1.3), Markov's inequality and boundedness in \mathbb{L}^p of $(\sigma_n^{-1} \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} |S_j(f)|)_{n \geq 1}$ (by Serfling arguments, see [18]).

3. PROOFS

Proof of Theorem 2.1. Notice that (2.1) implies finiteness of $\int_0^1 Q_f^2(u)(\tau/2)^{-1} \circ G_f^{-1}(u) du$, hence condition (5.5) in [2]. This implies the convergence of $(\sigma_n^2(f)/n)_{n \geq 1}$ to some σ . The convergence of the finite-dimensional distributions follows from an adaptation of the proof of Theorem 4.3 of [16]. It remains to check tightness of $(W_n(f))_{n \geq 1}$ in $\mathcal{H}_{1/2-1/p}^0[0, 1]$. We shall check that (1.4) is satisfied. To this aim, we apply Theorem A.3 for each $k \in \{1, \dots, \log[n\delta]\}$ with some $r > p$, $N := 2^k$ and $\lambda := \varepsilon 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p}$. This gives

$$\begin{aligned} n \sum_{k=1}^{\log[n\delta]} 2^{-k} \mu \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq 2^k} |S_i(f)| > 5\varepsilon 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p} \right\} &\leq n \sum_{k=1}^{\log[n\delta]} 2^{-k} 4r^{r/2} s_{2^k}(f)^r \left(\varepsilon 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p} \right)^{-r} + \\ &+ n \sum_{k=1}^{\log[n\delta]} (\varepsilon 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p})^{-1} \int_0^1 Q(u) \mathbf{1} \left\{ R(u) \geq \varepsilon 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p/r} \right\} du. \end{aligned}$$

By (2.1), the quantity $C := \int_0^{\|f\|_1} (\tau/2)^{-1}(u) Q_f \circ G_f(u) du$ is finite. In view of (A.3), we thus have

$$\begin{aligned} (3.1) \quad n \sum_{k=1}^{\log[n\delta]} 2^{-k} \mu \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq 2^k} |S_i(f)| > 5\varepsilon 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p} \right\} &\leq 4 \cdot (4r)^{r/2} C^{r/2} n \sum_{k=1}^{\log[n\delta]} 2^{-k} 2^{kr/2} \left(\varepsilon 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p} \right)^{-r} + \\ &+ n^{1-1/p} \sum_{k=1}^{\log[n\delta]} (\varepsilon 2^{k\alpha})^{-1} \int_0^1 Q(u) \mathbf{1} \left\{ R(u) \geq \varepsilon 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p/r} \right\} du =: (I) + (II). \end{aligned}$$

A simple computation shows that

$$(3.2) \quad (I) \leq K(r, p, \varepsilon) \delta^{r/p-1},$$

and for the second term, we have the upper bound

$$(3.3) \quad (II) \leq K(\alpha, \varepsilon) n^{(p-1)/p} \int_0^1 Q(u) \mathbf{1} \left\{ (\tau/2)^{-1} \circ G_f^{-1}(u) Q(u) \geq \varepsilon n^{1/p/r} \right\} du.$$

Since $r > p$, the condition (1.4) is satisfied in view of (3.1), (3.2), (3.3) and (2.1). \square

Proof of Corollary 2.2. It suffices to check that condition (2.3) implies (2.1). Notice that by (1.9), we have for a fixed v ,

$$(3.4) \quad \inf \{i \mid \tau(i)/2 \leq v\} \geq \inf \{i \mid G^{-1}(2(\alpha(i))) \leq v\} = \inf \{i \mid \alpha(i) \leq G(v)/2\}$$

hence $(\tau/2)^{-1}(v) \geq \alpha^{-1}(G(v)/2)$. Taking $v = G^{-1}(2u)$ for a fixed u , we get

$$(3.5) \quad (\tau/2)^{-1} \circ G^{-1}(u) \geq \alpha^{-1}(u/2).$$

Since the function $u \mapsto \alpha^{-1}(u)$ is non-increasing, the inclusions

$$\{\alpha^{-1}(u)Q_f(u) \geq t\} \subset \{\alpha^{-1}(u/2)Q_f(u) \geq t\} \subset \{(\tau/2)^{-1} \circ G^{-1}(u)Q_f(u) \geq t\}$$

take place, which concludes the proof of Corollary 2.2. \square

Proof of Theorem 2.4. Theorem 4.1. of [12] guarantees the existence of the limit of the sequence $(\sigma_n^2/n)_{n \geq 1}$ and [19] gives the convergence of the finite dimensional distributions. Therefore, the proof will be finished if we check the convergence (1.4). We apply for Theorem A.4 for each $1 \leq k \leq \log[n\delta]$ with a $q > p$, $N := 2^k$, $x := \varepsilon 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p}$ and $A := 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p} \eta$, where η is fixed (notice that since

$$(3.6) \quad \mathbb{E}[|f| \mathbf{1}\{|f| \geq A\}] = A\mu\{|f| \geq A\} + \int_A^{+\infty} \mu\{|f| \geq t\} dt \leq C(p, f)A^{1-p},$$

we have for $n \geq n(\eta, p, \varepsilon, f)$ and $1 \leq k \leq \log[n\delta]$,

$$(3.7) \quad 2 \cdot 2^k \cdot \mathbb{E}[|f| \mathbf{1}\{|f| \geq A\}] \leq 2C(p, f)(\eta 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p})^{1-p} \leq \varepsilon 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p} = x,$$

hence (A.5) is satisfied). This yields

$$(3.8) \quad n \sum_{k=1}^{\log[n\delta]} 2^{-k} \mu \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq 2^k} |S_i(f)| \geq \varepsilon 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p} \right\} \leq n \sum_{k=1}^{\log[n\delta]} \mu \left\{ |f| \geq 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p} \right\} + \\ + K \exp \left(K \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \rho(2^i) \right) n \sum_{k=1}^{\log[n\delta]} 2^{-k} 2^{kq/2} (\varepsilon 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p})^{-q} \|f\|_2^q + \\ + Kn \sum_{k=1}^{\log[n\delta]} \exp \left(K \sum_{i=0}^k \rho^{2/q}(2^i) \right) (\varepsilon 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p})^{-q} \left\| f \mathbf{1}\{|f| \leq \eta 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p}\} \right\|_q^q.$$

Since for some constant C depending only on f and p , the bound

$$(3.9) \quad \left\| f \mathbf{1}\{|f| \leq \eta 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p}\} \right\|_q^q \leq C(\eta 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p})^{q-p}$$

is valid, we derive from (3.8) the inequality

$$n \sum_{k=1}^{\log[n\delta]} 2^{-k} \mu \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq 2^k} |S_i(f)| \geq \varepsilon 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p} \right\} \leq \varepsilon^{-p} \eta^{-p} \sup_{t \geq n^{1/p}} t^p \mu\{|f| \geq t\} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-kp\alpha} + \\ + K \exp \left(K \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \rho(2^i) \right) \delta^{q/p-1} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{q/p}-1} \varepsilon^{-q} \|f\|_2^q + \\ + KC \varepsilon^{-q} \eta^{q-p} \sum_{k=1}^{\log[n\delta]} \exp \left(K \sum_{i=0}^k \rho^{2/q}(2^i) \right) 2^{-kp\alpha}.$$

Since $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} t^p \mu \{|f| > t\} = 0$, we obtain for each δ and η

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sum_{k=1}^{\log[n\delta]} 2^{-k} \mu \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq 2^k} |S_i(f)| > \varepsilon 2^{k\alpha} n^{1/p} \right\} &\leq K \exp \left(K \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \rho(2^i) \right) (2\delta)^{q/p-1} \varepsilon^{-q} \|f\|_2^q + \\ &+ KC \varepsilon^{-q} \eta^{q-p} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \exp \left(K \sum_{i=0}^k \rho^{2/q}(2^i) \right) 2^{-kp\alpha}, \end{aligned}$$

from which (1.4) follows (the convergence of the last series is ensured by the ratio test and the convergence to 0 of $\rho^{2/q}(2^k)$). \square

Proof of Theorem 2.5. We assume that $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu, T)$ is a non-atomic invertible measure preserving system. We shall first construct a function g such that:

- (1) the sequence $(\mathbb{E} |S_n(g - g \circ T)|^p / n^{p/2})_{n \geq 1}$ is bounded and
- (2) the process $(W_n(g - g \circ T))_{n \geq 1}$ is not tight in $\mathcal{H}_{1/2-1/p}^0[0, 1]$.

We then consider $f := m + g - g \circ T$, where m is such that $(m \circ T^j)_{j \geq 0}$ is a martingale difference sequence with $m \in \mathbb{L}^p$ and $m \neq 0$. This will guarantee the convergence of the finite dimensional distributions of $(W_n(f))_{n \geq 1}$ to those of a scalar multiple of a standard Brownian motion, and Burkholder's inequality ensures boundedness of the sequence $(\mathbb{E} |S_n(f)|^p / n^{p/2})_{n \geq 1}$. We use a construction similar to that given in [22]. Let us consider two increasing sequences of integer $(K_l)_{l \geq 1}$ and $(N_l)_{l \geq 1}$ satisfying for each $l \geq 2$:

$$(3.10) \quad \lim_{l \rightarrow +\infty} N_l \sum_{l' > l} K_{l'} / N_{l'} = 0;$$

$$(3.11) \quad 4N_l^{-1/p} \cdot l \cdot N_{l-1} < 1;$$

$$(3.12) \quad \sum_{i=1}^l K_i^{1/2} \leq K_{l+1}^{1/2};$$

$$(3.13) \quad \sum_{l=1}^{+\infty} \frac{K_l}{K_{l+1}^{1/2}} < \infty.$$

We also assume that $4K_l \leq N_l$ for each l .

Let us fix an integer l . Using Rokhlin's lemma, we can find a set $A_l \in \mathcal{F}$ such that the set $T^i A_l$, $0 \leq i \leq N_l - 1$ are pairwise disjoint and $\mu \left(\bigcup_{i=0}^{N_l-1} T^i A_l \right) \geq 1/2$. We define

$$h_l := \frac{N_l^{1/p}}{K_l^{1/2+1/p}} \cdot \chi \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{K_l} T^{N_l-j} A_l \right);$$

$$g_l := \sum_{j=0}^{K_l-1} h_l \circ T^j = \frac{N_l^{1/p}}{K_l^{1/2+1/p}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{K_l} j \chi(T^{N_l-j} A_l) + \sum_{j=K_l+1}^{2K_l-1} (2K_l - j) \chi(T^{N_l-j} A_l) \right);$$

$$g := \sum_{l=1}^{+\infty} g_l.$$

Assume that $\omega \in A_l$ and $N_l - K_l \leq i \leq N_l - 1$. Then $g_l \circ T^i(\omega) = N_l - i$. Consequently, for $i, i' \in \{N_k - K_l, \dots, N_l - 1\}$,

$$\left| g_l \circ T^i - g_l \circ T^{i'} \right| \geq \frac{N_l^{1/p}}{K_l^{1/2+1/p}} |i' - i| \chi(A_l).$$

Applying U^{-k} on both sides of the previous inequality for $0 \leq k \leq N_l - K_l$ and taking the maximum over these k , we obtain

$$\max_{0 \leq k \leq N_l - K_l} \left| g_l \circ T^{i-k} - g_l \circ T^{i'-k} \right| \geq |i' - i| \frac{N_l^{1/p}}{K_l^{1/2+1/p}} \chi \left(\bigcup_{k=0}^{N_k - K_l} T^k(A_l) \right).$$

This implies

$$(3.14) \quad \frac{1}{N_l^{1/p}} \max_{1 \leq i < i' \leq N_l} \frac{\left| g_l \circ T^{i'} - g_l \circ T^i \right|}{(i' - i)^{1/2-1/p}} \geq \chi \left(\bigcup_{k=0}^{N_k - K_l} T^k(A_l) \right).$$

For $l' < l$, noticing that $|g_{l'}| \leq N_{l'}^{1/p} K_{l'}^{1/2-1/p}$, the following inequality takes place:

$$\max_{1 \leq i < j \leq N_l} \left| g_{l'} \circ T^j - g_{l'} \circ T^i \right| \leq 2N_{l'}^{1/p} K_{l'}^{1-1/p},$$

therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N_l^{1/p}} \max_{1 \leq i < i' \leq N_l} \frac{\left| \sum_{l' < l} g_{l'} \circ T^{i'} - \sum_{l' < l} g_{l'} \circ T^i \right|}{(i' - i)^{1/2-1/p}} &\leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{N_l^{1/p}} \sum_{l' < l} 2N_{l'}^{1/p} K_{l'}^{1-1/p} \leq 2N_l^{-1/p} l N_{l-1}. \end{aligned}$$

By condition (3.11), we conclude that

$$(3.15) \quad \frac{1}{N_l^{1/p}} \max_{1 \leq i < i' \leq N_l} \frac{\left| \sum_{l' < l} g_{l'} \circ T^{i'} - \sum_{l' < l} g_{l'} \circ T^i \right|}{(i' - i)^{1/2-1/p}} \leq 1/2.$$

Moreover, notice that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu \left\{ N_l^{-1/p} \max_{1 \leq i < i' \leq N_l} \frac{\left| \sum_{l' > l} g_{l'} \circ T^{i'} - \sum_{l' > l} g_{l'} \circ T^i \right|}{(i' - i)^{1/2-1/p}} \neq 0 \right\} \\ \leq \sum_{l' > l} \mu \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i < i' \leq N_l} \left| g_{l'} \circ T^{i'} - g_{l'} \circ T^i \right| \neq 0 \right\} \\ \leq N_l \sum_{l' > l} \mu \{ g_{l'} \neq 0 \}, \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$(3.16) \quad \mu \left\{ \frac{1}{N_l^{1/p}} \max_{1 \leq i < i' \leq N_l} \frac{\left| \sum_{l' > l} g_{l'} \circ T^{i'} - \sum_{l' > l} g_{l'} \circ T^i \right|}{(i' - i)^{1/2-1/p}} \neq 0 \right\} \leq \leq 2N_l \sum_{l' > l} K_{l'}/N_{l'}.$$

By (3.15) and (3.16), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i < i' \leq N_l} \frac{|g \circ T^{i'} - g \circ T^i|}{(i' - i)^{1/2-1/p}} \geq N_l^{1/p}/2 \right\} &\geq \\
&\geq \mu \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i < i' \leq N_l} \frac{|\sum_{l' \geq l} (g_{l'} \circ T^{i'} - g_{l'} \circ T^i)|}{(i' - i)^{1/2-1/p}} \geq N_l^{1/p} \right\} \\
&\geq \mu \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i < i' \leq N_l} \frac{|(g_l \circ T^{i'} - g_l \circ T^i)|}{(i' - i)^{1/2-1/p}} \geq N_l^{1/p} \right\} - 2N_l \sum_{l' > l} K_{l'}/N_{l'}.
\end{aligned}$$

Combining the previous inequality with (3.14), we obtain for each integer l ,

$$(3.17) \quad \mu \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i < i' \leq N_l} \frac{|g \circ T^{i'} - g \circ T^i|}{(i' - i)^{1/2-1/p}} \geq N_l^{1/p}/2 \right\} \geq \frac{1}{2} - \frac{K_l}{2N_l} - 2N_l \sum_{l' > l} K_{l'}/N_{l'},$$

and by (3.10), the inequality

$$(3.18) \quad \mu \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i < i' \leq N_l} \frac{|g \circ T^{i'} - g \circ T^i|}{(i' - i)^{1/2-1/p}} \geq \frac{N_l^{1/p}}{2} \right\} \geq \frac{1}{8}$$

holds for l large enough. We deduce that for such integers l and each $\delta \in (0, 1)$,

$$(3.19) \quad \mu \left\{ w_{1/2-1/p} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{N_l}} S_{N_l}^{\text{pl}}(g - g \circ T), \delta \right) \geq 1/2 \right\} \geq \frac{1}{8},$$

hence the process $(W_n(g - g \circ T))_{n \geq 1}$ cannot be tight in $\mathcal{H}_{1/2-1/p}[0, 1]$.

It remains to show that the sequence $(n^{-1/2}(g - g \circ T^n))_{n \geq 1}$ is bounded in \mathbb{L}^p . Notice that for a fixed integer $l \geq 1$, the equalities

$$|g_l - g_l \circ T| = |h_l - h_l \circ T^{K_l}| = \frac{N_l^{1/p}}{K_l^{1/2+1/p}} \cdot \chi \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{2K_l} T^{N_l-j} A_l \right)$$

take place. This implies that

$$\begin{aligned}
\|g_l - g_l \circ T\|_p &= \frac{N_l^{1/p}}{K_l^{1/2+1/p}} \cdot \left[\mu \left(\bigcup_{j=1}^{2K_l} T^{N_l-j} A_l \right) \right]^{1/p} \\
&\leq \frac{N_l^{1/p}}{K_l^{1/2+1/p}} \left(\frac{2K_l}{N_l} \right)^{1/p} = 2^{1/p} K_l^{-1/2},
\end{aligned}$$

hence for each integer $n \geq 1$, $\|g_l - g_l \circ T^n\|_p \leq 2^{1/p} n K_l^{-1/2}$. Let us define

$$\tilde{g}_l := \frac{N_l^{1/p}}{K_l^{1/2+1/p}} \sum_{j=1}^{K_l} j \chi(T^{N_l-j} A_l).$$

If $K_l \leq n$, then

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{g}_l - \tilde{g}_l \circ T^n &= \frac{N_l^{1/p}}{K_l^{1/2+1/p}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{K_l} j \chi(T^{N_l-j} A_l) - \sum_{j=1}^{K_l} j \chi(T^{N_l-j-n} A_l) \right) \\ &= \frac{N_l^{1/p}}{K_l^{1/2+1/p}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{K_l} j \chi(T^{N_l-j} A_l) - \sum_{j=n+1}^{n+K_l} (j-n) \chi(T^{N_l-j} A_l) \right),\end{aligned}$$

hence

$$|\tilde{g}_l - \tilde{g}_l \circ T^n| \leq \frac{N_l^{1/p}}{K_l^{1/2+1/p}} \left(\sum_{j=1}^{K_l} j \chi(T^{N_l-j} A_l) + \sum_{j=n+1}^{n+K_l} (j-n) \chi(T^{N_l-j} A_l) \right),$$

and the following upper bound follows:

$$\mathbb{E} |\tilde{g}_l - \tilde{g}_l \circ T^n|^p \leq 2^{p-1} \sum_{j=1}^{K_l} j^p K_l^{-1-p/2} \leq 2^{p-1} K_l^{p/2}.$$

Treating in a similar manner the function $g_l - \tilde{g}_l$, we observe that the following inequality holds:

$$(3.20) \quad \|g_l - g_l \circ T^n\|_p \leq C_p \begin{cases} n K_l^{-1/2} & \text{if } K_l > n \\ K_l^{1/2} & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where C_p depends only on p (neither on n , nor on l). For a fixed integer n , we denote by $i(n)$ the unique integer satisfying the inequalities $K_{i(n)} \leq n < K_{i(n)+1}$.

By (3.20), we have

$$\begin{aligned}\|g - g \circ T^n\|_p &\leq \sum_{l=1}^{+\infty} \|g_l - g_l \circ T^n\|_p \\ &\leq C_p \left(\sum_{l=1}^{i(n)-1} K_l^{1/2} + K_{i(n)}^{1/2} + n K_{i(n)+1}^{-1/2} + \sum_{l=i(n)+2}^{+\infty} n K_l^{-1/2} \right) \\ &\leq 3C_p \sqrt{n} + C_p \sqrt{n} \sum_{l=i(n)+1}^{+\infty} \frac{K_l}{K_{l+1}^{1/2}} \\ &\leq C_p \left(3 + \sum_{l=1}^{+\infty} \frac{K_l}{K_{l+1}^{1/2}} \right) \sqrt{n},\end{aligned}$$

where we used (3.12) in the second inequality and condition (3.13) ensures finiteness of the right hand side in this inequality.

This concludes the proof of Theorem 2.5. \square

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A. APPENDIX

For the reader's convenience, we state Fuk-Nagaev inequalities for τ -dependent and ρ -mixing sequences.

Notation A.1. If $(f \circ T^j)_{j \geq 0}$ is a (strictly stationary) sequence of random variables, we define

$$(A.1) \quad s_N^2(f) := \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N |\text{Cov}(f \circ T^i, f \circ T^j)|.$$

Notation A.2. Let Y be an integrable random variable. We denote by G_Y the generalized inverse of $x \mapsto \int_0^x Q_Y(u) du$.

The following result is a version of Theorem 6.2 of [15] for τ -dependence sequences and of Theorem 2 of [2] for stationary sequences.

Theorem A.3. *Let $(f \circ T^j)_{j \geq 0}$ be a strictly stationary sequence of centered and square integrable random variables. Let $R := ((\tau/2)^{-1} \circ G_f^{-1})Q_f$ and $S = R^{-1}$. For any $\lambda > 0$, any integer $N \geq 1$ and any $r \geq 1$,*

$$(A.2) \quad \mu \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} |S_i(f)| \geq 5\lambda \right\} \leq 4 \left(1 + \frac{\lambda^2}{r s_N^2(f)} \right)^{-r/2} + \frac{4N}{\lambda} \int_0^{S(\lambda/r)} Q_f(u) du,$$

and

$$(A.3) \quad s_N^2(f) \leq 4N \int_0^{\|f\|_1} (\tau/2)^{-1}(u) Q_f \circ G_f(u) du.$$

For ρ -mixing sequences, Shao (Theorem 1.2, [20]) showed the following inequality.

Theorem A.4. *Let $(f \circ T^j)_{j \geq 0}$ be a strictly stationary sequence of centered random variables and $q \geq 2$. Then there exists a constant K depending only on q and the sequence $(\rho(n))_{n \geq 1}$ such that for each integer N and $x > 0$,*

$$(A.4) \quad \mu \left\{ \max_{1 \leq i \leq N} |S_i(f)| \geq x \right\} \leq N \mu \{ |f| \geq A \} + K x^{-q} \left(N^{q/2} \exp \left(K \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \log N \rfloor} \rho(2^i) \right) \|f\|_2^q + N \exp \left(K \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \log N \rfloor} \rho^{2/q}(2^i) \right) \|f \mathbf{1}_{\{|f| \leq A\}}\|_q^q \right).$$

where A satisfies

$$(A.5) \quad 2N \cdot \mathbb{E} [|f| \mathbf{1}_{\{|f| \geq A\}}] \leq x.$$

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