

## ESTIMATES OF THE RATE OF APPROXIMATION IN A DE-POISSONIZATION LEMMA

## ESTIMATION DE LA VITESSE D'APPROXIMATION DANS UN LEMME DE DÉPOISSONISATION

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**ABSTRACT.** – Estimates of the rate of approximation in a de-Poissonization lemma of Beirlant and Mason [1] is obtained for the case where the distribution satisfy a quantitative condition of existence of exponential moments introduced in [6].

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**RÉSUMÉ.** – Des estimées de la vitesse d'approximation dans un lemme de dépoissonisation dû à Beirlant et Mason sont obtenues lorsque la distribution vérifie une condition quantitative d'existence de moments exponentiels introduite dans [6].

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### 1. Introduction

Beirlant and Mason [1] introduced a general method for deriving the asymptotic normality of the  $L_p$ -norm of empirical functionals. They proved and essentially used the following “de-Poissonization” Lemma A.

**LEMMA A** (Beirlant and Mason [1]). – *Let (for each  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ )  $\eta_{1,n}$  and  $\eta_{2,n}$  be independent Poisson random variables with  $\eta_{1,n}$  being Poisson ( $n(1 - \alpha_n)$ ) and  $\eta_{2,n}$*

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being Poisson ( $n\alpha_n$ ) where  $\alpha_n \in (0, 1)$  and  $\alpha_n \rightarrow \alpha \in (0, 1)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Denote  $\eta_n = \eta_{1,n} + \eta_{2,n}$  and set  $U_n = n^{-1/2}(\eta_{1,n} - n(1 - \alpha_n))$  and  $V_n = n^{-1/2}(\eta_{2,n} - n\alpha_n)$ . Let  $\{S_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be a sequence of random variables such that the random vector  $(S_n, U_n)$  is independent of  $V_n$  and for some  $\beta^2 < \infty$ , and  $\gamma$  such that  $(1 - \alpha)\beta^2 - \gamma^2 > 0$ ,  $(S_n, U_n) \rightarrow_d (\beta Z_1, \sqrt{1 - \alpha} Z_2)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are standard normal random variables with  $\text{cov}(\beta Z_1, \sqrt{1 - \alpha} Z_2) = \gamma$ . Then, for all  $x$ ,  $\mathbf{P}\{S_n \leq x \mid \eta_n = n\} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}\{\sqrt{\beta^2 - \gamma^2} Z_1 \leq x\}$ .

This lemma was used to prove the Central Limit Theorem (CLT) for  $L_p$ -norms of some kernel estimates of densities by Beirlant and Mason [1] and for  $L_1$ -norm by Giné, Mason and Zaitsev [5]. Using independence properties of random samples of Poissonized size, one can establish the CLT for some vectors  $(S_n, U_n)$  by means of known CLT for sums of 1-dependent random vectors. Lemma A provides a possibility to transfer the CLT to the case when we have samples of fixed size  $n$ . We are going to prove estimates of the rate of approximation in Lemma A, assuming that the distributions of  $(S_n, U_n)$  belong to some classes of distributions with finite exponential moments which are close to Gaussian ones. Our results could be useful to derive the estimates of the rate of convergence in the CLT's of Beirlant and Mason [1] and Giné, Mason and Zaitsev [5].

To simplify the notation, we shall omit the subscript  $n$  considering  $S, U, V, \eta, \eta_1, \eta_2, \alpha$  instead of  $S_n, U_n, \dots$ . Denote

$$\chi = \text{cov}(S, U), \quad \Pi = U + V = n^{-1/2}(\eta - n), \quad \Xi = (S, \Pi) \in \mathbf{R}^2. \quad (1.1)$$

Assume that

$$\mathbf{E}S = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad |\chi|(\text{Var}(S))^{-1/2} \leq c_1, \quad \text{for some } c_1 < 1. \quad (1.2)$$

We shall treat  $c_1$  as an absolute constant so that any constant depending on  $c_1$  only is considered as well as absolute one. Such constants will be denoted by  $c_2, c_3, \dots$  or  $c$ . The same symbol  $c$  may be used for different constants even in the same formulas when we do not need to fix their values. Condition (1.2) means that the distribution  $\mathcal{L}(\Xi)$  of the vector  $\Xi$  is non-degenerated. Let  $Z_0$  be a standard normal random variable independent of  $\{S, U, V\}$  and  $b > 0$ . Set

$$S^* = S + bZ_0, \quad \Psi = (S^*, \Pi) \in \mathbf{R}^2. \quad (1.3)$$

The conditional density of  $S^*$  given  $\eta = n$  will be denoted  $p(x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ . We assume that

$$Q \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{L}(\Xi) = \mathcal{L}((S, U) + (0, V)) \in \mathcal{A}_2(\tau), \quad (1.4)$$

where  $\mathcal{A}_d(\tau)$ ,  $\tau \geq 0$ ,  $d \in \mathbf{N}$ , denote classes of  $d$ -dimensional distributions, introduced in Zaitsev [6], see as well Zaitsev [7–9]. The class  $\mathcal{A}_d(\tau)$  (with a fixed  $\tau \geq 0$ ) consists of  $d$ -dimensional distributions  $F$  for which the function  $\varphi(z) = \varphi(F, z) = \log \int_{\mathbf{R}^d} e^{(z,x)} F \{dx\}$  ( $\varphi(0) = 0$ ) is defined and analytic for  $\|z\| \tau < 1$ ,  $z \in \mathbf{C}^d$ , and  $|d_u d_v^2 \varphi(z)| \leq \|u\| \tau (\mathbb{D}v, v)$  for all  $u, v \in \mathbf{R}^d$  and  $\|z\| \tau < 1$ , where  $\mathbb{D} = \text{cov } F$ , the covariance operator corresponding to  $F$ , and  $d_u \varphi$  is the derivative of the function  $\varphi$  in direction  $u$ .

It is easy to see that  $\tau_1 < \tau_2$  implies  $\mathcal{A}_d(\tau_1) \subset \mathcal{A}_d(\tau_2)$ . Moreover, if  $F_1, F_2 \in \mathcal{A}_d(\tau)$ , then  $F_1 F_2 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} F_1 * F_2 \in \mathcal{A}_d(\tau)$ . The class  $\mathcal{A}_d(0)$  coincides with the class of all Gaussian distributions in  $\mathbf{R}^d$ . See Zaitsev [6–9] for further properties of classes  $\mathcal{A}_d(\tau)$ . Thus, obviously,  $\Phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{L}((bZ_0, 0)) \in \mathcal{A}_2(0) \subset \mathcal{A}_2(\tau)$ , for any  $b \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $\tau \geq 0$ . Using the closeness of  $\mathcal{A}_2(\tau)$  with respect to convolution, (1.1), (1.3) and (1.4), we conclude that

$$F \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathcal{L}(\Psi) = \mathcal{L}((S, U) + (0, V) + (bZ_0, 0)) \in \mathcal{A}_2(\tau), \tag{1.5}$$

for any  $b \in \mathbf{R}$ . The summand  $(bZ_0, 0)$  will play a smoothing role ensuring the existence of the conditional density  $p(x)$  in (2.13) below. The value of  $b \geq 0$  will be optimized later.

Throughout the following  $\theta, \theta_1, \theta_2, \dots$  symbolize quantities *depending* on variables involved in corresponding formulas and not exceeding one in absolute value. The same symbol  $\theta$  may be used for different quantities even in the same formulas.

**THEOREM 1.1.** – *There exist absolute positive constants  $c_2, \dots, c_7$  such that if*

$$c_2 n^{-1/2} \leq \tau \leq c_3 b, \quad b \leq 1, \quad |x| < c_4/\tau, \quad \text{Var}(S) = 1, \tag{1.6}$$

$$5\alpha^{-1} \exp(-5\alpha/432\tau^2) \leq \tau, \tag{1.7}$$

then

$$p(x) = (2\pi)^{-1/2} B^{-1} \exp(-x^2/2B^2) \times \exp(c_5(\theta\tau(|x|^3 + 1) + \theta \exp(-b^2/72\tau^2))), \tag{1.8}$$

$$2^{-1}(2\pi)^{-1/2} B^{-1} \exp(-x^2/B^2) \leq p(x) \leq 2(2\pi)^{-1/2} B^{-1} \exp(-x^2/4B^2), \tag{1.9}$$

where  $B^2 = 1 + b^2 - \chi^2$ ,  $B > 0$ ,  $|\theta| \leq 1$  and, moreover, for any  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ ,

$$p(x) \leq c_6 B^{-1} \exp(-\min\{x^2/4B^2, c_7|x|/\tau\}), \tag{1.10}$$

provided that  $c_2, c_6$  are sufficiently large and  $c_3, c_4, c_7$  sufficiently small absolute constants.

The rather cumbersome condition (1.7) is obviously satisfied for sufficiently large  $n \geq n_0$  when we consider a scheme of series with  $\tau = \tau_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and fixed  $\alpha > 0$ .

**THEOREM 1.2.** – *Let the conditions of Theorem 1.1 be satisfied. Then there exist absolute positive constants  $c_8$  and  $c_9$  such that*

$$\mathbf{P}(BZ \leq z - \gamma(z)) \leq \mathbf{P}(S^* \leq z \mid \eta = n) \leq \mathbf{P}(BZ \leq z + \gamma(z)), \tag{1.11}$$

for  $|z| \leq c_8\tau^{-1}$ , where  $\gamma(z) = c_9(\tau(z^2 + 1) + \exp(-b^2/72\tau^2))$  and  $Z$  is a standard normal random variable.

Theorem 1.1 will be proved in Section 2. The proof of Theorem 1.2 is sufficiently long and complicated but it is standard. It repeats almost literally the derivation of Lemma 2.1 from Lemma 1.6 in Zaitsev [8]. Theorem 1.2 may be deduced from Theorem 1.1 in a similar way. Therefore we omit the proof of Theorem 1.2.

**COROLLARY 1.1.** – *Let the conditions of Theorem 1.2 be satisfied. Then there exist absolute constants  $c_{10}, c_{11}, c_{12}$  such that, for any fixed  $b$  satisfying (1.6), one can construct on a probability space random variables  $\xi$  and  $Z$  so that the distribution of  $\xi$  is  $F_1$ , the conditional distribution of  $S^*$  given  $\eta = n$ ,  $Z$  is a standard normal random variable and*

$$|BZ - \xi| \leq \gamma(\xi), \quad \text{for } |\xi| \leq c_{10}\tau^{-1}. \quad (1.12)$$

Moreover,

$$|BZ| \geq c_{11}\tau^{-1} \quad \text{if } |\xi| \geq c_{10}\tau^{-1} \text{ and } \tau \leq c_{12}b. \quad (1.13)$$

*Proof.* – Denote  $F_1(x) = F_1\{(-\infty, x]\} = \mathbf{P}(S^* \leq x | \eta = n)$ ,  $F_2(x) = \mathbf{P}(BZ \leq x)$ . We assume that a random variable  $\xi$  with  $\mathbf{P}(\xi \leq x) = F_1(x)$  is already constructed and define  $Z$  as the unique solution of the equation  $F_1(\xi) = F_2(BZ)$ . Now inequality (1.12) is an easy consequence of (1.11) if  $c_{10} \leq c_8$ . In order to prove (1.13) it suffices to use (1.12) for  $|\xi| = c_{10}\tau^{-1}$  with sufficiently small  $c_{10} \leq c_8$  and take into account (1.6) and the fact that  $Z$  is an increasing function of  $\xi$ .  $\square$

**THEOREM 1.3.** – *Let the conditions of Theorem 1.1 be satisfied. Then there exist absolute constants  $c_{13}, c_{14}, c_{15}$  such that, for  $\tau$  satisfying*

$$c_2n^{-1/2} \leq \tau \leq c_{13}, \quad (1.14)$$

and for any fixed  $\lambda > 0$ , one can construct on a probability space random variables  $\zeta$  and  $Z$  so that the distribution of  $\zeta$  is the conditional distribution of  $S$  given  $\eta = n$ ,  $Z$  is a standard normal random variable and

$$\mathbf{P}\left(\left|\sqrt{1 - \chi^2}Z - \zeta\right| \geq \lambda\right) \leq c_{14} \exp(-c_{15}\lambda/\tau). \quad (1.15)$$

The Prokhorov distance is defined by  $\pi(F, G) = \inf\{\lambda: \pi(F, G, \lambda) \leq \lambda\}$ , where  $\pi(F, G, \lambda) = \sup_X \max\{F\{X\} - G\{X^\lambda\}, G\{X\} - F\{X^\lambda\}\}$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ , and  $X^\lambda$  is the  $\lambda$ -neighborhood of the Borel set  $X$ . Inequality (1.15) implies the following statement.

**COROLLARY 1.2.** – *Let the conditions of Theorem 1.3 be satisfied. Then the bounds  $\pi(F_3, F_4, \lambda) \leq c_{14} \exp(-c_{15}\lambda/\tau)$  and  $\pi(F_3, F_4) \leq c\tau(|\log \tau| + 1)$  hold, where  $F_3$  is the conditional distribution of  $S$  given  $\eta = n$ , and  $F_4$  is the centered normal law with variance  $1 - \chi^2$ .*

Zaitsev [6] has shown that the same bounds are valid for the normal approximation of two-dimensional distributions  $Q, F \in \mathcal{A}_2(\tau)$ . These bounds do not imply however the inequalities for conditional distributions considered in Corollary 1.2.

One can show that if we consider a scheme of series with  $\tau = \tau_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\chi = \chi_n \leq c_1 < 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , then  $(1 - F_3(x))/(1 - F_4(x))$  and  $F_3(-x)/F_4(-x)$  tend to 1 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , if  $0 < x = x_n = o(\tau_n^{-1/3})$ . It suffices to apply the inequality which follows from Corollary 1.2 to the sets  $(-\infty, x]$  and  $\lambda = \tau_n^{1/3}$ . If, in addition,  $\chi = \chi_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , then the same limit relation with  $F_4(\cdot)$  replaced by the standard normal distribution function is valid for  $0 < x = x_n = o(\min\{\tau_n^{-1/3}, \chi_n^{-1}\})$ .

**THEOREM 1.4.** – *Let the conditions of Theorem 1.3 be satisfied. Then there exists absolute constants  $c_{16}, c_{17}$  such that, for any fixed  $b$  satisfying (1.6) and  $\tau \leq c_{12}b$ , one can construct on a probability space random variables  $\zeta$  and  $Z$  with distributions described in Theorem 1.3 so that*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}\left(\left|\sqrt{1 - \chi^2} Z - \zeta\right| \geq c_9 \exp(-b^2/72\tau^2) + \lambda\right) \\ \leq c_{16} \exp(-c_{17}\lambda/\tau) + 2\mathbf{P}(|\omega| > \lambda/6), \end{aligned} \tag{1.16}$$

for any  $\lambda > 0$ , where  $\omega$  have the centered normal distribution with variance  $b^2$ .

Theorems 1.3 and 1.4 are proved in Section 3. Comparing Theorems 1.3 and 1.4, we observe that in Theorem 1.3 the probability space depends essentially on  $\lambda$ , while in Theorem 1.4 we proved (1.16) on the same probability space (depending on  $b$ ) for any  $\lambda > 0$ . However, (1.16) is weaker than (1.15) for some values of  $\lambda$ . The same rate of approximation (as in (1.15)) is contained in (1.16) if  $b^2 \geq 72\tau^2 \log(1/\tau)$  and  $\lambda \geq b^2/\tau$  only.

### 2. Proof of Theorem 1.1

Let  $\tau \geq 0$ ,  $F = \mathcal{L}(\xi) \in \mathcal{A}_d(\tau)$ ,  $\|h\|\tau < 1$ ,  $h \in \mathbf{R}^d$ . Then the Cramér transform  $\overline{F} = \overline{F}(h)$  is defined by  $\overline{F}(h)\{dx\} = (\mathbf{E}e^{(h,\xi)})^{-1}e^{(h,x)}F\{dx\}$ . Also we shall use below the notation  $F_h = \overline{F}(h)$  so that  $\widehat{F}_h(t) = \int e^{i(t,x)}\overline{F}(h)\{dx\}$ . Denote by  $\tilde{\xi}(h)$  a random vector with  $\mathcal{L}(\tilde{\xi}(h)) = \overline{F}(h)$ . It is clear that  $\overline{F}(0) = F$  and the convolution of Cramér transforms is the Cramér transform for convolution with the same  $h$ . Below we shall need the following facts.

**LEMMA 2.1** (Zaitsev [6, Lemmas 2.1, 3.1]). – *Suppose that  $\tau \geq 0$ ,  $F \in \mathcal{A}_d(\tau)$ ,  $h \in \mathbf{R}^d$ ,  $\|h\|\tau \leq 1/2$ ,  $F = \mathcal{L}(\xi)$ ,  $\mathbb{D} = \text{cov } \xi$ ,  $\mathbb{D}(h) = \text{cov } \tilde{\xi}(h)$  and  $\mathbf{E}\xi = 0$ . Then  $\overline{F}(h) \in \mathcal{A}_d(2\tau)$ ,*

$$\langle \mathbb{D}(h)u, u \rangle = \langle \mathbb{D}u, u \rangle (1 + \theta_1 \|h\|\tau), \quad \text{for all } u \in \mathbf{R}^d, \tag{2.1}$$

$$\log \mathbf{E}e^{(h,\tilde{\xi})} = 2^{-1} \langle \mathbb{D}h, h \rangle (1 + \theta_2 \|h\|\tau/3), \tag{2.2}$$

$$\log \mathbf{E}e^{i(h,\tilde{\xi})} = -2^{-1} \langle \mathbb{D}h, h \rangle (1 + \theta_3 \|h\|\tau/3), \tag{2.3}$$

$$(\det \mathbb{D}(h))^{1/2} = (\det \mathbb{D})^{1/2} \exp(c\theta_4 d \|h\|\tau), \tag{2.4}$$

where  $c$  is an absolute positive constant and  $\theta_j$  satisfy  $|\theta_j| \leq 1$ .

**LEMMA 2.2** (Zaitsev [6, Lemma 3.2]). – *Let  $\Omega = \{\bar{x} \in \mathbf{R}^d: 4.8\tau\sigma^{-1}\|\mathbb{D}^{-1/2}\bar{x}\| \leq 1\}$ . Then, in the conditions of Lemma 2.1, for any  $\bar{x} \in \Omega$ , there exists an  $\tilde{h} = \tilde{h}(\bar{x}) \in \mathbf{R}^d$  such that  $\mathbf{E}\tilde{\xi}(\tilde{h}) = \bar{x}$ ,*

$$\sigma \|\tilde{h}\| \leq \|\mathbb{D}^{1/2}\tilde{h}\| \leq 2.4\|\mathbb{D}^{-1/2}\bar{x}\|, \tag{2.5}$$

$$\mathbf{E} \exp(\langle \tilde{h}, \xi \rangle - \langle \tilde{h}, \bar{x} \rangle) = \exp(-2^{-1}\|\mathbb{D}^{-1/2}\bar{x}\|^2 + 10.08\theta\tau\sigma^{-1}\|\mathbb{D}^{-1/2}\bar{x}\|^3), \tag{2.6}$$

where  $\sigma^2$  is the minimal eigenvalue of the operator  $\mathbb{D}$  and  $|\theta| \leq 1$ .

Now we shall operate similarly to the proof of Lemma 4.1 of Zaitsev [6]. Let  $r > 0$ ,  $b \geq r^{-1}$  and  $\widehat{P}_0(u) = \exp(-u^2b^2/2)$ ,  $u \in \mathbf{R}$ . For  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , introduce the functions

$\psi_m(u)$  and  $\alpha_m(u)$  by putting  $\psi_m(u) = \widehat{P}_0(u + mr)$ , for  $u \geq 0$ , and  $\psi_m(u) = \widehat{P}_0(u - mr)$ , for  $u \leq 0$ , and

$$\alpha_m(u) = \psi_m(u) - \psi_{m+1}(u + r) - \psi_{m+1}(u - r) + \psi_{m+2}(u). \tag{2.7}$$

Notice that  $\psi_0(u) = \widehat{P}_0(u)$ . Clearly,  $0 \leq \alpha_m(u) \leq \psi_m(u)$ , for  $u \in \mathbf{R}$ , and  $\alpha_m(u) = 0$ , for  $|u| \geq r$ . Further,

$$a_m = \max_{u \in \mathbf{R}} \alpha_m(u) \leq \max_{u \in \mathbf{R}} \psi_m(u) = \widehat{P}_0(m) = \exp(-r^2 m^2 b^2 / 2), \quad m = 0, 1, 2, \dots \tag{2.8}$$

It is especially easy to check these properties of functions  $\psi_m(u)$  and  $\alpha_m(u)$  looking on their graphs.

LEMMA 2.3. – For any characteristic function  $\widehat{W}(u)$  of a one-dimensional distribution  $W$ , any  $\delta \in \mathbf{R}$  and any  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ ,

$$\left| \int_{\mathbf{R}} \widehat{W}(u) \psi_m(u - \delta) du \right| \leq \int_{\mathbf{R}} \widehat{W}(u) \psi_m(u) du. \tag{2.9}$$

*Proof.* – For  $b \geq r^{-1}$ , it may be shown that  $\widehat{P}'_0(u) < 0$  and  $\widehat{P}''_0(u) > 0$ , for  $u > r$ . Therefore, by Polya’s criterion (see Feller [4]), the function  $\widehat{P}_m(u) = \psi_m(u)/a_m$  is the characteristic function of a probability distribution  $P_m$ , for each  $m = 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $d_m(y)$  be the density corresponding to the distribution  $P_m$ ,  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ . By Parseval’s equality, we get (2.9):

$$\left| \int_{\mathbf{R}} \widehat{W}(u) \widehat{P}_m(u - \delta) du \right| = \left| 2\pi \int_{\mathbf{R}} e^{iy\delta} d_m(y) W(dy) \right| \leq \int_{\mathbf{R}} \widehat{W}(u) \widehat{P}_m(u) du. \quad \square$$

*Proof of Theorem 1.1.* – Restriction (1.2) turns now into

$$|\chi| \leq c_1 < 1 \tag{2.10}$$

since we assumed  $\text{Var}(S) = 1$ . Note that (1.6) and (2.10) imply that

$$B^2 = e^{c\theta}. \tag{2.11}$$

Consider the characteristic function  $\phi(t_1, t_2) = \mathbf{E} \exp(it_1 S^* + it_2 \Pi)$ . Clearly,

$$\phi(t_1, t_2) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \exp\left(\frac{it_2(k-n)}{\sqrt{n}}\right) \mathbf{E} \left( \exp(it_1 S^*) \mid \Pi = \frac{k-n}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \mathbf{P} \left( \Pi = \frac{k-n}{\sqrt{n}} \right).$$

From this we see by Fourier’s inversion that the conditional characteristic function of  $S^*$ , given  $\eta = n$  or, equivalently,  $\Pi = 0$ , is

$$\varphi(t_1) = \frac{1}{2\pi \mathbf{P}(\Pi = 0) \sqrt{n}} \int_{-\pi\sqrt{n}}^{\pi\sqrt{n}} \exp(-t_1^2 b^2 / 2) \mathbf{E} \exp(it_1 S + it_2 U) \mathbf{E} \exp(it_2 V) dt_2. \tag{2.12}$$

We shall use the following inversion formula expressing  $p(x)$  via characteristic functions:

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2 \mathbf{P}(\Pi = 0) \sqrt{n}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-it_1 x} \left( \int_{-\pi\sqrt{n}}^{\pi\sqrt{n}} \widehat{F}(t) dt_2 \right) dt_1, \tag{2.13}$$

where  $\widehat{F}(t) = \widehat{\Phi}(t)\widehat{G}(t)\widehat{H}(t)$ ,  $t = (t_1, t_2) \in \mathbf{R}^2$ , denote below the characteristic function of  $F$ ,  $\widehat{\Phi}(t) = \exp(-t_1^2 b^2/2)$ ,  $\widehat{G}(t) = \mathbf{E} \exp(it_1 S + it_2 U)$ ,  $\widehat{H}(t) = \mathbf{E} \exp(it_2 V)$ .

Let  $h = (h_1, h_2) \in \mathbf{R}^2$  satisfy  $\|h\| \tau < 1/2$ . For the conditional density of  $\overline{S^*}(h)$ , given  $\langle \overline{\Psi}(h), e_2 \rangle = 0$ , we shall use the notation  $p_h(x)$ ,  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ . Arguing similarly as deriving (2.13), we may express  $p_h(x)$  via characteristic functions:

$$p_h(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-it_1 x} \varphi_h(t_1) dt_1, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}, \tag{2.14}$$

where

$$\varphi_h(t_1) = \frac{1}{2\pi \mathbf{P}(\langle \overline{\Psi}(h), e_2 \rangle = 0) \sqrt{n}} \int_{-\pi\sqrt{n}}^{\pi\sqrt{n}} \widehat{F}_h(t) dt_2 \tag{2.15}$$

is the characteristic function corresponding to the density  $p_h(x)$  and

$$\widehat{F}_h(t) = \widehat{\Phi}_h(t)\widehat{G}_h(t)\widehat{H}_h(t), \quad t \in \mathbf{R}^2,$$

is the characteristic function of  $\overline{F}(h)$ . For  $h = 0$ , (2.14) turns into (2.13) since  $\langle \overline{\Psi}, e_2 \rangle = \Pi$  (see (1.3)). It is easy to see that  $\widehat{\Phi}_h(t) = \exp(it_1 b h_1 - t_1^2 b^2/2)$  and  $\varphi_h(t_1) = \beta_h(t_1) \exp(it_1 b h_1 - t_1^2 b^2/2)$ , where

$$\beta_h(t_1) = (2\pi \mathbf{P}(\langle \overline{\Psi}(h), e_2 \rangle = 0) \sqrt{n})^{-1} \int_{-\pi\sqrt{n}}^{\pi\sqrt{n}} \widehat{Q}_h(t) dt_2.$$

Note that in a similar way one can establish that  $\beta_h(t_1)$  is the characteristic function of the conditional distribution of  $\overline{S}(h)$ , given  $\langle \overline{\Psi}(h), e_2 \rangle = 0$ . Thus, by (2.14),

$$p_h(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \beta_h(t_1) \exp(it_1 b h_1 - it_1 x - t_1^2 b^2/2) dt_1, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}. \tag{2.16}$$

By (2.13), (2.14) and (2.15), we have

$$p_h(x) \mathbf{P}(\langle \overline{\Psi}(h), e_2 \rangle = 0) = p(x) \mathbf{P}(\Pi = 0) (\mathbf{E} e^{(h, \Psi)})^{-1} e^{h_1 x}, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}. \tag{2.17}$$

Collecting (2.13), (2.14) and (2.17), we get

$$p(x) = \frac{\mathbf{E}e^{(h, \Psi) - h_1 x}}{(2\pi)^2 \mathbf{P}(\Pi = 0) \sqrt{n}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-it_1 x} \left( \int_{-\pi\sqrt{n}}^{\pi\sqrt{n}} \widehat{F}_h(t) dt_2 \right) dt_1, \quad x \in \mathbf{R}. \tag{2.18}$$

By the definition of  $\psi_0(u)$  and (2.14)–(2.16),

$$\begin{aligned} 2\pi p_h(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{W}(u) \psi_0(u) du \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi \mathbf{P}((\overline{\Psi}(h), e_2) = 0) \sqrt{n}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-it_1 x} \left( \int_{-\pi\sqrt{n}}^{\pi\sqrt{n}} \widehat{F}_h(t) dt_2 \right), \end{aligned} \tag{2.19}$$

where  $\widehat{W}(u) = \beta_h(u) \exp(iubh_1 - iux)$  is the characteristic function of a one-dimensional probability distribution. Now, using (2.7) with  $m = 0$ ,  $r = (6\tau)^{-1}$ ,  $b \geq 6\tau$ , we expand the first integral in (2.19) into a sum of integrals and, applying (2.9), estimate

$$\left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{W}(u) \psi_0(u) du - I_0 \right| \leq 2|J_1| + |J_2| \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_1 |J_m|, \tag{2.20}$$

where we denote  $I_m = \int \widehat{W}(u) \alpha_m(u) du$ ,  $J_m = \int \widehat{W}(u) \psi_m(u) du$ , for  $m = 0, 1, \dots$ . The sum  $\sum_1 |J_m|$  will be estimated with the help of a sequential procedure based on identity (2.7) and inequality (2.9). In each of the integrals  $J_m$  we again replace  $\psi_m(u)$  using (2.7) and apply (2.9). As a result we obtain the inequality  $\sum_1 |J_m| \leq \sum_1 |I_m| + \sum_2 |J_m|$ . Each of the terms in the sum  $\sum_1 |J_m|$  generates one (corresponding) term in the sum  $\sum_1 |I_m|$  and three terms in the sum  $\sum_2 |J_m|$ . The index  $m$  of each term generated in  $\sum_2$  is by at least one greater than the corresponding index of the generating term in  $\sum_1$ . Continuing to operate in the same fashion, at the  $s$ th step we obtain the inequality

$$\sum_1 |J_m| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{s-1} \sum_k |I_m| + \sum_s |J_m|, \tag{2.21}$$

in which indices  $m$  occurring in  $\sum_k$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, s$ , are at least  $k$  and the number of terms is  $3^k$ . It is easy to show that  $\sum_s |J_m| \leq 3^s c_1(b, \tau) \exp(-c_2(b, \tau)s^2) \rightarrow 0$  as  $s \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $c_j(b, \tau)$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , are positive quantities depending on  $b$  and  $\tau$  only. By (2.20) and (2.21),

$$\left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{W}(u) \psi_0(u) du - I_0 \right| \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_k |I_m|. \tag{2.22}$$

By (2.8), the right-hand side of (2.22) may be estimated by

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 3^k \exp(-r^2 k^2 b^2 / 2) K_0 \leq c \exp(-r^2 b^2 / 2) K_0, \tag{2.23}$$



where

$$\begin{aligned}
 K_0 &= \int_{-r}^r |\widehat{W}(u)| du = \int_{-r}^r |\beta_h(u)| du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2\pi \mathbf{P}(\langle \bar{\Psi}(h), e_2 \rangle = 0) \sqrt{n}} (K_1 + K_2),
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.24}$$

and  $K_j = \int_{T_j} |\widehat{Q}_h(t)| dt$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ , where

$$T_1 = \{t = (t_1, t_2) \in \mathbf{R}^2: |t_1| \leq r, |t_2| \leq r\}, \tag{2.25}$$

$$T_2 = \{t = (t_1, t_2) \in \mathbf{R}^2: |t_1| \leq r, r \leq |t_2| \leq \pi \sqrt{n}\}. \tag{2.26}$$

By (2.7), (2.8) and (2.24),  $|\int_{-r}^r \widehat{W}(u) \psi_0(u) du - I_0| \leq 3 \exp(-r^2 b^2 / 2) K_0$ . Together with (2.22) and (2.23), this inequality implies that

$$\left| \int_{-r}^r \widehat{W}(u) \psi_0(u) du - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \widehat{W}(u) \psi_0(u) du \right| \leq c \exp(-r^2 b^2 / 2) K_0. \tag{2.27}$$

Taking into account (1.5), we may apply Lemma 2.1 which implies that  $\mathcal{L}(\bar{\Psi}(h)) \in \mathcal{A}_2(2\tau)$ . The characteristic function of  $\bar{\Psi}(h) - \mathbf{E}\bar{\Psi}(h)$  is  $\widehat{F}_h(t) \exp(-i\langle t, \mathbf{E}\bar{\Psi}(h) \rangle)$ . Using relation (2.3) of Lemma 2.1 with doubled parameter  $\tau$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\log(\widehat{F}_h(t) \exp(-i\langle t, \mathbf{E}\bar{\Psi}(h) \rangle)) \\
 &= -2^{-1} \langle \mathbb{D}(h)t, t \rangle (1 + 2\theta \|t\| \tau / 3), \quad \text{for } \|t\| \tau \leq 1/4,
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{2.28}$$

where  $\mathbb{D}(h) = \text{cov } \bar{\Psi}(h)$  (we denote as well  $\mathbb{D} = \text{cov } \Psi$ ). According to (1.1) and (1.5), we have  $\det \mathbb{D} = 1 + b^2 - \chi^2 = B^2$ . Moreover, for  $u = (u_1, u_2) \in \mathbf{R}^2$ ,

$$\langle \mathbb{D}u, u \rangle = \|\mathbb{D}^{1/2}u\|^2 = \mathbf{E}\langle \Psi, u \rangle^2 = (1 + b^2)u_1^2 + u_2^2 + 2u_1u_2\chi. \tag{2.29}$$

Furthermore, one may calculate that

$$\langle \mathbb{D}^{-1}u, u \rangle = \|\mathbb{D}^{-1/2}u\|^2 = ((1 + b^2)u_2^2 + u_1^2 - 2u_1u_2\chi) (\det \mathbb{D})^{-1}. \tag{2.30}$$

Applying relation (2.1) of Lemma 2.1, (2.10) and (2.29), we see that

$$\langle \mathbb{D}(h)u, u \rangle \geq c \|u\|^2. \tag{2.31}$$

Using the inequality  $|e^{z_1} - e^{z_2}| \leq |z_1 - z_2| \max\{|e^{z_1}|, |e^{z_2}|\}$ ,  $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbf{C}$ , and relation (2.28) and (2.31), we find, for  $t \in T_1$  and for sufficiently small  $c_4$ , that

$$|\widehat{F}_h(t) - \exp(-2^{-1} \langle \mathbb{D}(h)t, t \rangle + i\langle t, \mathbf{E}\bar{\Psi}(h) \rangle)| \leq c\tau \exp(-c\|t\|^2). \tag{2.32}$$

It is easy to see that

$$\int_{-r}^r \widehat{W}(u) \psi_0(u) du = \frac{1}{2\pi \mathbf{P}(\langle \bar{\Psi}(h), e_2 \rangle = 0) \sqrt{n}} \int_{T_1 \cup T_2} e^{-it_1 x} \widehat{F}_h(t) dt. \tag{2.33}$$

Now we expand the integral in (2.33) into a sum of integrals and estimate

$$\left| \int_{T_1 \cup T_2} e^{-it_1 x} \widehat{F}_h(t) dt - L_0 \right| \leq L_1 + L_2 + L_3, \tag{2.34}$$

where

$$L_0 = \int_{\mathbf{R}^2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbb{D}(h)t, t \rangle\right) \exp(-it_1 x + i \langle t, \mathbf{E} \overline{\Psi}(h) \rangle) dt, \tag{2.35}$$

$$L_1 = \left| \int_{T_1} e^{-it_1 x} \left( \widehat{F}_h(t) - \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbb{D}(h)t, t \rangle\right) \exp(i \langle t, \mathbf{E} \overline{\Psi}(h) \rangle) \right) dt \right|, \tag{2.36}$$

$$L_2 = \left| \int_{T_2} e^{-it_1 x} \widehat{F}_h(t) dt \right|, \tag{2.37}$$

$$L_3 = \left| \int_{\mathbf{R}^2 \setminus T_1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \langle \mathbb{D}(h)t, t \rangle\right) \exp(-it_1 x + i \langle t, \mathbf{E} \overline{\Psi}(h) \rangle) dt \right|. \tag{2.38}$$

By (2.4),

$$|L_0| \leq 2\pi (\det \mathbb{D}(h))^{-1/2} = 2\pi (\det \mathbb{D})^{-1/2} \exp(c\theta \|h\| \tau). \tag{2.39}$$

Coupled with (2.36), inequality (2.32) implies that  $L_1 \leq c\tau$ . Estimating  $L_2$ , we first note that  $|\widehat{F}_h(t)| \leq |\widehat{Q}_h(t)| \leq |\widehat{H}_h(t)| = |\mathbf{E} \exp((h_2 + it_2)V) / \mathbf{E} \exp(h_2 V)|$ . By Example 1.2 in Zaitsev [6], we have  $\mathcal{L}(V) \in \mathcal{A}_1(c/\sqrt{n})$ . Clearly,  $\mathbf{E} V = 0$ ,  $\text{Var}(V) = \alpha$ . The function  $s(t_2) = \mathbf{E} \exp((h_2 + it_2)V) / \mathbf{E} \exp(h_2 V)$  may be considered as the characteristic function of the one-dimensional distribution  $\overline{\mathcal{L}}(V)(h_2)$ . Applying a one-dimensional version of (2.1) and (2.3) of Lemma 2.1, we get

$$\log s(t_2) = -2^{-1} \alpha t_2^2 (1 + c\theta |t_2| / \sqrt{n}) (1 + c\theta |h_2| / \sqrt{n}), \quad \text{for } |t_2| \leq c_{10} \sqrt{n}, \tag{2.40}$$

with a sufficiently small absolute constant  $c_{10}$ . Thus, for sufficiently large  $c_2$ , (2.40) gives

$$|s(t_2)| \leq \exp(-5\alpha t_2^2 / 12), \quad \text{for } |t_2| \leq c_{10} \sqrt{n} \quad \text{and} \quad (6\tau)^{-1} \leq c_{10} \sqrt{n} \leq \pi \sqrt{n}, \tag{2.41}$$

if  $c_{10}$  is small enough. The function  $|s(t_2)|$  may be easily calculated:

$$|s(t_2)| = g(t_2) / g(0), \quad \text{where } g(t_2) = \exp(\alpha (e^{h_2 \cos(t_2/\sqrt{n})} - 1)). \tag{2.42}$$

The function  $g$  is even and decreasing for  $0 \leq t_2 \leq \pi \sqrt{n}$ . Therefore, using (1.7), (2.26), (2.37), (2.41) and (2.42), we obtain (if  $c_2$  is sufficiently large and  $c_3$  sufficiently small)

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{L_2, K_2\} &\leq \frac{1}{3\tau} \left( \int_{|u| \geq \tau^{-1/6}} \exp\left(-\frac{5}{12} \alpha u^2\right) du + 2\pi \sqrt{n} \exp\left(-\frac{5}{12} \alpha c_{10}^2 n\right) \right) \\ &\leq (3\tau)^{-1} (14.4\tau \alpha^{-1} \exp(-5\alpha/432\tau^2) + 2\pi \sqrt{n} \exp(-5\alpha c_{10}^2 n/12)) \\ &\leq 5\alpha^{-1} \exp(-5\alpha/432\tau^2) \leq \tau. \end{aligned} \tag{2.43}$$

Let us estimate  $L_3$ . Using (2.25), (2.38) and (2.31), we obtain  $L_3 \leq 4 \int_{\tau^{-1}/6}^{\infty} e^{-cy^2} dy \leq c\tau$ . Collecting (2.34) and bounds for  $L_j$ , we get (if  $c_2$  is sufficiently large and  $c_3, c_4$  sufficiently small)

$$\left| \int_{T_1 \cup T_2} e^{-it_1 x} \widehat{F}_h(t) dt - L_0 \right| \leq c\tau. \tag{2.44}$$

Arguing similarly to the proof of (2.28) and (2.31), we may show that

$$\log(\widehat{Q}_h(t) \exp(-i\langle t, \mathbf{E}\overline{\mathbf{E}}(h) \rangle)) = -2^{-1} \langle \mathbb{B}(h)t, t \rangle (1 + 2\theta \|t\| \tau / 3), \quad \text{for } \|t\| \tau \leq 1/4,$$

where  $\mathbb{B}(h) = \text{cov } \overline{\mathbf{E}}(h)$  and  $\langle \mathbb{B}(h)t, t \rangle \geq c \|t\|^2$ . Hence,  $K_1 \leq c$ .

Let us fix an  $x \in \mathbf{R}$  satisfying  $|x| < c_4/\tau$ . Let us apply Lemma 2.2 with  $\xi = \Psi$ ,  $\bar{x} = (x, 0) \in \mathbf{R}^2$ . Relation (2.10) coupled with independence of  $(S, \Pi)$  and  $(bZ_0, 0)$  implies that in this case

$$\sigma^2 = \min_{\|t\|=1} \text{Var}(\langle \Psi, t \rangle) = \min_{\|t\|=1} (t_1^2(1 + b^2) + t_2^2 + 2t_1 t_2 \chi) \geq c. \tag{2.45}$$

Moreover,  $4.8\tau\sigma^{-1} \|\mathbb{D}^{-1/2}\bar{x}\| \leq 5\tau\sigma^{-2}|x| \leq c\tau|x| < 1$ , where  $\mathbb{D} = \text{cov } \Psi$  if  $c_4$  is sufficiently small. Applying now Lemma 2.2, we get an  $\tilde{h} = \tilde{h}(\bar{x}) = (\tilde{h}_1, \tilde{h}_2) \in \mathbf{R}^2$ , satisfying  $\mathbf{E}\tilde{\Psi}(\tilde{h}) = \bar{x}$ , (2.5) and (2.6) with  $\xi = \Psi$ ,  $\bar{x} = (x, 0)$ . We shall first estimate  $p(x)$  using (2.18) with  $h = \tilde{h}$ . Note that (2.5) yields  $\|\tilde{h}\| \tau < 1/2$ . So we can apply for  $h = \tilde{h}$  all the relations derived above. In particular, using (2.11) and (2.30), we get  $\|\mathbb{D}^{-1/2}\bar{x}\|^2 = x^2/B^2 \leq cx^2$ . Substituting this bound into (2.6) and using (2.45), we obtain

$$\mathbf{E} \exp(\langle \tilde{h}, \Psi \rangle - \tilde{h}_1 x) = \exp(-x^2/2B^2 + c\theta\tau|x|^3). \tag{2.46}$$

Relations  $\mathbf{E}\tilde{\Psi}(\tilde{h}) = \bar{x}$ ,  $\|\tilde{h}\| \tau < 1/2$  and  $\det \mathbb{D} = B^2$  together with (2.11), (2.35) and (2.39) imply  $L_0 = 2\pi B^{-1} \exp(c\theta \|\tilde{h}\| \tau) = e^{c\theta}$ . By (2.5),  $\|\tilde{h}\| \leq c|x|$ , if  $c_4$  is sufficiently small. Hence,  $L_0 = 2\pi B^{-1} \exp(c\theta|x|\tau)$ . Inequalities (1.6) and (2.44) give now the relation

$$\int_{T_1 \cup T_2} e^{-it_1 x} \widehat{F}_{\tilde{h}}(t) dt = L_0 + c\theta\tau = 2\pi B^{-1} \exp(c\theta\tau(|x| + 1)), \tag{2.47}$$

if  $c_2$  is sufficiently large and  $c_4$  is sufficiently small. Recall that  $r = (6\tau)^{-1}$ . Using now (2.11), (2.19), (2.24), (2.27), (2.33), (2.43), (2.47) and  $K_1 \leq c$ , we get

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-it_1 x} \left( \int_{-\pi\sqrt{n}}^{\pi\sqrt{n}} \widehat{F}_{\tilde{h}}(t) dt_2 \right) dt_1 = 2\pi B^{-1} \exp(c\theta\tau(|x| + 1) + c\theta \exp(-b^2/72\tau^2)). \tag{2.48}$$

Applying Stirling’s formula,  $n! = (n/e)^n \sqrt{2\pi n} e^{\theta_n/n}$  for some  $0 < \theta_n < 1/12$ , we obtain

$$2\pi \mathbf{P}(\eta = n) = 2\pi e^{-n} n^n / n! = (2\pi/n)^{1/2} e^{\theta/n}. \tag{2.49}$$

Collecting bounds (2.18) with  $h = \tilde{h}$ , (2.46), (2.47) and (2.49) and using (1.6), we complete the proof of (1.8). Inequalities (1.9) follows from (1.8) and (2.11) if  $c_4$  is small enough.

To prove inequality (1.10), we define  $h^* = (h_1^*, h_2^*) \in \mathbf{R}^2$  by  $h_2^* = 0$  and  $h_1^* = c_4\tau^{-1}/2$ . Below we choose  $c_4$  so small as it is necessary. Taking  $c_4 < 1$ , we ensure the validity of  $\|h^*\|\tau < 1/2$ . So we can apply for  $h = h^*$  all the relations derived above. By (2.11) and (2.39),  $|L_0| \leq c$ . Coupled with inequality (2.44), this implies that  $|\int_{T_1 \cup T_2} e^{-it_1x} \widehat{F}_{h^*}(t) dt| \leq |L_0| + c\tau \leq c$ . Using (2.19), (2.24), (2.27), (2.33), (2.43) and (2.47) together with  $K_1 \leq c$ , we get

$$\left| \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-it_1x} \left( \int_{-\pi\sqrt{n}}^{\pi\sqrt{n}} \widehat{F}_{h^*}(t) dt_2 \right) dt_1 \right| \leq c. \tag{2.50}$$

Using relation (2.2) of Lemma 2.1, we obtain, for  $x \geq c_4\tau^{-1}$ ,  $\log \mathbf{E}e^{(\Psi, h^*) - h_1^*x} \leq c_4^2/4\tau^2 - c_4x/2\tau \leq -c_4x/4\tau$ . Now (1.10) for  $x \geq c_4\tau^{-1}$  follows from (2.18), (2.49) and (2.50). For  $x \leq -c_4\tau^{-1}$ , it may be verified in a similar way. For  $|x| \leq c_4\tau^{-1}$ , it follows from (1.9).  $\square$

### 3. Proof of Theorems 1.3 and 1.4

LEMMA 3.1. – *Let the conditions of Theorem 1.3 be satisfied. Let positive  $\varepsilon, \delta$  and  $y$  satisfy*

$$c_2n^{-1/2} \leq \tau \leq c_{18}b, \quad b \leq c_{19}, \quad \varepsilon = 2e^2\delta, \quad \delta \leq c_{20}/\tau, \quad y = c_{21}\sqrt{\delta/\tau}, \quad \tau \leq c_{22}\delta. \tag{3.1}$$

*Absolute positive constants  $c_{18}, c_{19}, c_{20}, c_{21}, c_{22}$  and  $c_{23}$  may be chosen so small that, for any closed set  $X \subset [-y, y]$ ,*

$$F_1\{X\} \leq F_2\{X^\varepsilon\} + 2\exp(-c_{23}\delta/\tau) + 3\Delta, \quad \text{where } \Delta = c_5 \exp(-b^2/72\tau^2) \tag{3.2}$$

*and distributions  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  are defined by  $F_1(x) = \mathbf{P}(S^* \leq x \mid \eta = n)$ ,  $F_2(x) = \mathbf{P}(BZ \leq x)$ .*

*Proof.* – Choosing  $c_{18} \leq c_3$  and  $c_{19} \leq 1$ , we are under the hypotheses of Theorem 1.1. Denote by  $w(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi B}} \exp(-x^2/2B^2)$  the density of  $F_2$ . Then, by virtue of (1.8), (2.11) and (3.1),

$$p(x + \delta) \leq w(x)e^\Delta, \quad w(x + \delta) \leq p(x)e^\Delta, \tag{3.3}$$

for  $x \geq 0$ , and  $2B \leq x + \delta \leq 2c_{21}\sqrt{\delta/\tau} = 2y$ , while

$$p(x - \delta) \leq w(x)e^\Delta, \quad w(x - \delta) \leq p(x)e^\Delta, \tag{3.4}$$

for  $x \leq 0$ , and  $-2y \leq x - \delta \leq -2B$ , if  $c_{19}, c_{20}$  and  $c_{21}$  are small enough. In similar fashion, choosing  $c_{18}$  and  $c_{19}$  to be sufficiently small, we can show with the help of

(1.8), (2.11), (3.1) and (3.2) that, for  $|x| \leq 2B$ ,

$$p(x) \leq w(x) \exp(c_5(c\tau + \Delta)) \leq 6w(x)/5 \quad \text{and} \quad p(x) \geq 18w(x)/19. \tag{3.5}$$

By choosing  $c_{20} \leq \sqrt{c_{21}}/4e^4$  to be sufficiently small, we can assure the inequality

$$\varepsilon = 2e^2\delta \leq c_{21}\sqrt{\delta/\tau} = y. \tag{3.6}$$

Let  $X$  be an arbitrary closed subset of  $[-y, y]$ . Consider the collection  $\{\Pi_\gamma\}_{\gamma \in \Gamma}$  of open intervals  $\Pi_\gamma \subset \mathbf{R} \setminus X$  of lengths at least  $2\varepsilon$ . Write  $Y = \mathbf{R} \setminus \bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \Pi_\gamma$ . Then

$$X \subset Y \subset [-y, y], \quad X^\varepsilon = Y^\varepsilon. \tag{3.7}$$

The set  $Y$  may be represented as a union of disjoint closed intervals  $M_j \subset [-y, y]$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, l$ , separated by intervals whose lengths are at least  $2\varepsilon$ . Therefore,

$$F_1\{Y\} = \sum_{j=1}^l F_1\{M_j\}, \quad F_2\{Y^\varepsilon\} = \sum_{j=1}^l F_2\{M_j^\varepsilon\}. \tag{3.8}$$

Observe that, by (3.6),

$$M_j \subset M_j^\varepsilon \subset [-2y, 2y], \quad j = 1, \dots, l. \tag{3.9}$$

Let us fix  $j$  and compare  $F_1\{M_j\}$  with  $F_2\{M_j^\varepsilon\}$ . Let  $M_j = [\alpha_j, \beta_j]$ . Then  $M_j^\varepsilon = (\alpha_j - \varepsilon, \beta_j + \varepsilon)$ . Consider separately the four possible cases:

- (a)  $(\alpha_j, \beta_j) \cap [-2B, 2B] = \emptyset$  and  $0 \notin (\alpha_j - \varepsilon, \beta_j + \varepsilon)$ ;
- (b)  $0 \in (\alpha_j, \beta_j)$  and  $[-2B, 2B] \subset (\alpha_j - \varepsilon, \beta_j + \varepsilon)$ ;
- (c) at least one of the intervals  $(\alpha_j - \varepsilon, \alpha_j)$  or  $(\beta_j, \beta_j + \varepsilon)$  lies in the interval  $[-2B, 2B]$ ;
- (d) one of the intervals  $(\alpha_j - \varepsilon, \alpha_j)$  or  $(\beta_j, \beta_j + \varepsilon)$  contains at least one of the intervals  $[0, 2B]$  or  $[-2B, 0]$ .

In case (a) we assume for definiteness that  $0 \leq \alpha_j - \varepsilon$  and  $\alpha_j \geq 2B$ . Then we have, in view of (3.3) and (3.9),  $F_1\{M_j\} \leq e^\Delta F_2\{M_j^\varepsilon\}$ . If  $\beta_j + \varepsilon \leq 0$  and  $\beta_j \leq -2B$ , then the same inequality follows from (3.4) and (3.9).

Consider case (b). By Bernstein’s inequality and (2.11),

$$F_2\{(y, \infty)\} = F_2\{(-\infty, -y)\} \leq \exp(-y^2/4B^2) \leq \exp(-c\delta/\tau). \tag{3.10}$$

So that if  $\beta_j + \varepsilon > y$ , then  $F_2\{(\beta_j + \varepsilon, \infty)\} \leq \exp(-c\delta/\tau)$ . But if  $\beta_j + \varepsilon \leq y$ , then since  $\beta_j > 0$ ,  $\beta_j + \varepsilon \geq 2B$  and  $\varepsilon > \delta$ , we have, in view of (3.3) and (3.10),

$$\begin{aligned} F_2\{(\beta_j + \varepsilon, \infty)\} &\leq \exp(-c\delta/\tau) + \int_{\beta_j + \varepsilon - \delta}^{y - \delta} w(x + \delta) dx \\ &\leq \exp(-c\delta/\tau) + e^\Delta F_1\{(\beta_j, \infty)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, irrespective of the mutual disposition of the numbers  $\beta_j + \varepsilon$  and  $y$ , we have the inequality

$$F_2\{(\beta_j + \varepsilon, \infty)\} \leq \exp(-c\delta/\tau) + e^\Delta F_1\{(\beta_j, \infty)\}. \tag{3.11}$$

By means of (3.4), it can be shown in similar fashion that

$$F_2\{(-\infty, \alpha_j - \varepsilon)\} \leq \exp(-c\delta/\tau) + e^\Delta F_1\{(-\infty, \alpha_j)\}. \tag{3.12}$$

Adding the left-hand and right-hand sides of (3.11) and (3.12), we obtain  $1 - F_2\{M_j^\varepsilon\} \leq 2 \exp(-c\delta/\tau) + e^\Delta(1 - F_1\{M_j\})$  which yields the inequality

$$F_1\{M_j\} \leq 2 \exp(-c\delta/\tau) + \Delta + F_2\{M_j^\varepsilon\}. \tag{3.13}$$

To consider case (c), we introduce the sets  $N_j = M_j^\varepsilon \cap [-2B, 2B]$ ,  $P_j = M_j^\varepsilon \setminus (N_j \cup R_j)$  and  $R_j = (M_j^\varepsilon \setminus N_j) \cap ([-2B - \delta, -2B] \cup [2B, 2B + \delta])$ . From (3.1) and (3.5), it follows that  $F_1\{N_j\} \leq e^\Delta F_2\{N_j\} + \delta/\sqrt{2\pi}B$ , if  $c_{18}, c_{19}$  and  $c_{22}$  are sufficiently small. Further, by condition (c), the definition of  $R_j$ , (1.9) and (3.9)  $F_1\{R_j\} \leq \delta/\sqrt{2\pi}B$ . If the set  $P_j$  is non-empty, then it is concentrated entirely either on the positive or on the negative real axis. For definiteness, let  $P_j \subset \{x: x \geq 2B + \delta\}$ . Then  $P_j - \delta \subset P_j \cup R_j$  and so, by (3.3) and (3.9),  $F_1\{P_j\} \leq e^\Delta F_2\{P_j \cup R_j\}$ . Similarly, we can establish this bound also in the case where  $P_j \subset \{x: x \leq -2B - \delta\}$ . It is also clear that in case (c)  $F_2\{M_j^\varepsilon \setminus M_j\} \geq \varepsilon e^{-2/\sqrt{2\pi}B} = 2\delta/\sqrt{2\pi}B$ . Now from (3.9) and the above inequalities it follows that  $F_1\{M_j\} = F_1\{N_j\} + F_1\{R_j\} + F_1\{P_j\} \leq e^\Delta F_2\{M_j^\varepsilon\}$ .

In case (d),  $F_2\{M_j^\varepsilon \setminus M_j\} > 0.475$ ,  $F_2\{M_j \cap [-2B, 2B]\} < 1/2$  and  $F_1\{[-2B, 2B]\} > 0.9$  (see (3.5)). Similarly, we obtain  $F_1\{M_j\} < 0.1 + 1.2F_2\{M_j \cap [-2B, 2B]\} < F_2\{M_j^\varepsilon\}$ .

Thus, we have proved that  $F_1\{M_j\} \leq e^\Delta F_2\{M_j^\varepsilon\}$  for the cases (a), (c) and (d). Only inequality (3.13) has been established for case (b). But there cannot be more than one of the closed intervals  $M_j$  containing zero. Therefore, choosing  $c_{18}$  to be sufficiently small and using (3.1), (3.7) and (3.8), we obtain  $F_1\{X\} \leq F_1\{Y\} \leq e^\Delta F_2\{Y^\varepsilon\} + 2 \exp(-c\delta/\tau) + \Delta \leq F_2\{X^\varepsilon\} + 2 \exp(-c\delta/\tau) + 3\Delta$ , proving (3.2).  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.3.* – Observe now that, by (1.10) and (2.11),

$$F_1\{u: |u| \geq x\} \leq c \max\{\exp(-x^2/8B^2), \exp(-cx/\tau)\}, \quad \text{for any } x \geq 0. \tag{3.14}$$

Inequalities (3.2) and (3.14) imply that under conditions (3.1), for any closed set  $X_0 \subset \mathbf{R}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} F_1\{X_0\} &\leq F_1\{X_0 \cap [-y, y]\} + F_1\{u: |u| \geq y\} \\ &\leq F_2\{X_0^\varepsilon\} + 3 \exp(-c_{24}\delta/\tau) + 3\Delta. \end{aligned} \tag{3.15}$$

The same inequality is valid also for arbitrary Borel set  $X_0$  since  $X_0^\varepsilon = (\overline{X_0})^\varepsilon$ , where  $\overline{X_0}$  is the closure of  $X_0$ . Moreover, since  $(\mathbf{R} \setminus X_0^\varepsilon)^\varepsilon \subset \mathbf{R} \setminus X_0$ , (3.15) implies that, for arbitrary Borel set  $X_0$ ,  $F_2\{X_0\} \leq F_1\{X_0^\varepsilon\} + 3 \exp(-c_{24}\delta/\tau) + 3\Delta$ . Set now  $b^2 = \min\{\delta\tau, c_{19}^2\}$ . Assume  $\tau \leq \delta \min\{c_{18}^2, c_{22}\}$ ,  $\delta \leq \min\{c_{19}^2, c_{20}\}/\tau$  and  $c_{13} \leq c_{18}^2 c_{19}^2$ . Then  $b^2 = \delta\tau$ . By the Strassen–Dudley theorem (see Dudley [3]), one can construct on the same probability space the random variables  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  having distributions  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  respectively so that

$$\mathbf{P}(|\mu - \nu| > \varepsilon) \leq 3 \exp(-c_{24}\delta/\tau) + 3\Delta \leq 6 \exp(-c\delta/\tau). \tag{3.16}$$

By Lemma A of Berkes and Philipp [2], we can assume that  $\mu = \zeta + \omega$ ,  $\nu = \sqrt{1 - \chi^2}Z + \phi$ , where random variables  $\zeta$  and  $Z$  have the needed distributions and random variables  $\omega$  and  $\phi$  are independent of  $\zeta$  and  $Z$  respectively and have centered normal distributions with variance  $b^2$ . Then, using (3.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(|\zeta - \sqrt{1 - \chi^2}Z| > 3\varepsilon) &\leq \mathbf{P}(|\mu - \nu| > \varepsilon) + \mathbf{P}(|\omega| > \varepsilon) + \mathbf{P}(|\phi| > \varepsilon) \\ &\leq 6 \exp(-c\delta/\tau) + 2 \exp(-c\varepsilon^2/b^2) \\ &\leq 8 \exp(-c\delta/\tau). \end{aligned} \tag{3.17}$$

Let now  $\delta \geq \min\{c_{19}^2, c_{20}\}/\tau$  and  $X_0$  be an arbitrary Borel set. Then  $b^2 = e^{c\theta}$ . If  $X_0 \cap [-\delta, \delta] = \emptyset$ , then, by (3.14), we have

$$F_1\{X_0\} \leq F_1\{u: |u| \geq \delta\} \leq c \exp(-c\delta/\tau). \tag{3.18}$$

If  $X_0 \cap [-\delta, \delta] \neq \emptyset$ , then, by Bernstein’s inequality and (2.11),

$$F_1\{X_0\} - F_2\{X_0^{2\delta}\} \leq F_2\{u: |u| \geq \delta\} \leq 2 \exp(-\delta^2/4B^2) \leq 2 \exp(-c\delta/\tau). \tag{3.19}$$

Applying again Lemma A of Berkes and Philipp [2], we construct  $\mu, \nu, \zeta, Z, \omega$  and  $\phi$  so that  $\mathbf{P}(|\mu - \nu| > 2\delta) \leq c \exp(-c\delta/\tau)$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(|\zeta - \sqrt{1 - \chi^2}Z| > 4\delta) &\leq \mathbf{P}(|\mu - \nu| > 2\delta) + \mathbf{P}(|\omega| > \delta) + \mathbf{P}(|\phi| > \delta) \\ &\leq c \exp(-c\delta/\tau) + 2 \exp(-c\delta^2/b^2) \\ &\leq c \exp(-c\delta/\tau). \end{aligned} \tag{3.20}$$

If  $\tau \geq \delta \min\{c_{18}^2, c_{22}\} > 0$ , then, evidently, for any  $\zeta$  and  $Z$  with needed distributions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(|\zeta - \sqrt{1 - \chi^2}Z| > 4\delta) &\leq 1 \leq \exp(1 - \min\{c_{18}^2, c_{22}\}\delta/\tau) \\ &\leq 3 \exp(-c\delta/\tau). \end{aligned} \tag{3.21}$$

Collecting bounds (3.17), (3.20) and (3.21), we obtain (1.15) with  $\lambda = 3\varepsilon = 6e^2\delta$ .  $\square$

*Proof of Theorem 1.4.* – By Corollary 1.1, one can construct on the same probability space the random variables  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  having distributions  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  respectively so that  $|\mu - \nu| \leq \gamma(\mu)$ , if  $|\mu| \leq c_{10}\tau^{-1}$ , where  $\gamma(z)$  is defined in Theorem 1.2. Moreover,  $|\nu| \geq c_{11}\tau^{-1}$ , if  $|\mu| \geq c_{10}\tau^{-1}$ . By Lemma A of Berkes and Philipp [2], we can assume that  $\mu = \zeta + \omega$ ,  $\nu = \sqrt{1 - \chi^2}Z + \phi$ , where  $\zeta$  and  $Z$  have the needed distributions and  $\omega$  and  $\phi$  are independent of  $\zeta$  and  $Z$  respectively and have centered normal distributions with variance  $b^2$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(|\zeta - \sqrt{1 - \chi^2}Z| > c_9 \exp(-b^2/72\tau^2) + \lambda) \\ &\leq \mathbf{P}(|\mu - \nu| \mathbf{1}(|\mu| \leq c_{10}\tau^{-1}) > c_9 \exp(-b^2/72\tau^2) + \lambda/3) \\ &\quad + \mathbf{P}(|\mu| \mathbf{1}(|\mu| \geq c_{10}\tau^{-1}) > \lambda/6) + \mathbf{P}(|\nu| \mathbf{1}(|\nu| \geq c_{11}\tau^{-1}) > \lambda/6) \\ &\quad + 2\mathbf{P}(|\omega| > \lambda/6). \end{aligned} \tag{3.22}$$

Without loss of generality we assume that  $c_9\tau \leq \lambda/6$ . Therefore, by (2.11) and (3.14),

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(|\mu - \nu| \mathbf{1}(|\mu| \leq c_{10}\tau^{-1}) > c_9 \exp(-b^2/72\tau^2) + \lambda/3) \\ \leq \mathbf{P}(c_9\mu^2 \mathbf{1}(|\mu| \leq c_{10}\tau^{-1}) > \lambda/6\tau) \leq c \exp(-c\lambda/\tau), \end{aligned} \quad (3.23)$$

$$\mathbf{P}(|\mu| \mathbf{1}(|\mu| \geq c_{10}\tau^{-1}) > \lambda/6) \leq c \exp(-c\lambda/\tau) \quad (3.24)$$

and

$$\mathbf{P}(|\nu| \mathbf{1}(|\nu| \geq c_{11}\tau^{-1}) > \lambda/6) \leq c \exp(-c\lambda/\tau). \quad (3.25)$$

Inequality (1.16) follows now from (3.22)–(3.25).  $\square$

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