

A NEW LARGE DEVIATION INEQUALITY FOR U-STATISTICS OF ORDER 2

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Abstract. We prove a new large deviation inequality with applications when projecting a density on a wavelet basis.

Résumé. Nous prouvons une inégalité de grandes déviations applicable à la projection d'une densité sur une base d'ondelettes.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULT

Let F be some law on \mathbb{R} . When g is a measurable function from \mathbb{R}^d to \mathbb{R} , $E(g)$ and $Var(g)$ denote expectation and variance with respect to the Probability $F^{\otimes d}$. Let f be a bounded and symmetric function from \mathbb{R}^2 to \mathbb{R} . Following *Arcones and Giné* [1], we construct its canonical projections: ξ and η being independent with law F

$$\begin{aligned}\pi_1 f(x) &= Ef(x, \eta) - Ef(\xi, \eta) \cdot \\ \pi_2 f(x, y) &= f(x, y) - Ef(x, \eta) - Ef(\xi, y) + Ef(\xi, \eta) \cdot\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Let $\xi_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ be a n -sample of F ($n \geq 2$). We consider the U -statistics (without any normalisation)

$$\begin{aligned}U_n^{(2)}(f) &= \Sigma_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} f(\xi_i, \xi_j) \cdot \\ U_n^{(1)}(\pi_1 f) &= \Sigma_{1 \leq i \leq n} \pi_1 f(\xi_i) \cdot \\ U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f) &= \Sigma_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} \pi_2 f(\xi_i, \xi_j), \text{ thus} \\ U_n^{(2)}(f - Ef) &= 2(n - 1)U_n^{(1)}(\pi_1 f) + U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f) \cdot\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

We are interested in a large deviation inequality for the latter U -statistic when f is centered and bounded.

First, if $|f| \leq c$ and $Ef^2 = \sigma^2$, the usual Bernstein type inequality is

$$P(U_n^{(2)}(f - Ef) \geq n(n - 1)t) \leq \exp(-[n/2]t^2 / \{2\sigma^2 + 2ct/3\}).\tag{AG1}$$

But we can consider $U_n^{(1)}(\pi_1 f)$ (which is a sum of i.i.d. \mathbb{R} -valued random variables) as the main part and it can be interesting to bound separately the second part $U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f)$. Now, as $\pi_2 f$ is canonical of order 2, if $|\pi_2 f| \leq c$

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and $\sigma^2 = E(\pi_2 f)^2$, there exist two constants c_1, c_2 such that

$$P(|U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f)| \geq (n-1)t) \leq c_1 \exp(-c_2 t / \{\sigma + c^{2/3} t^{1/3} n^{-1/3}\}) \quad (\text{AG2})$$

((AG1) and (AG2) can be found in Arcones and Giné [1]).

The normalized version of inequality (AG2) can be restated

$$P(|U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f)| \geq a_3 \text{Max}(n\sigma x, c\sqrt{nx^{3/2}})) \leq a_4 \exp(-x). \quad (\text{AG2}')$$

The aim of the paper is to give a new large deviation inequality (Th. 1 and Cor. 1 later). To every partition D we associate two functionals $\|f\|_D$ and $v_D(F)$ (see Def. 4 later) such that

$$P(|U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f)| \geq a'_3 x \|f\|_D \text{Max}(n\sqrt{v_D(F)}, 1)) \leq a'_4 \exp(-2\sqrt{x}) \quad (3')$$

where all a_3, a'_3 are universal constants. For a comparison between the two inequalities, see the discussion after Theorem 2 *infra*.

We need now some definitions: let $(I_\lambda \mid \lambda \in D)$ be a Borelian partition of \mathbb{R} finite or enumerable, where I_λ denotes the subset and its indicator. Let τ be a permutation of D . Its *graph* g_τ is $\{(\lambda, \tau(\lambda)) \mid \lambda \in D\}$, a subset of $D \times D$. A *collection* G is an enumerable set $(\tau_s \mid s \in G)$ of permutations such that $D \times D \subset \cup_{s \in G} g_{\tau_s}$. \mathbb{H} is the family of collections. For any matrix $M = (a_{\lambda, \mu} \mid \lambda \in D; \mu \in D)$ we set

$$\|M\|_G = \sum_{i \in G} \text{Sup}_{\lambda \in D} |a_{\lambda, \tau_i(\lambda)}| \quad \text{and} \quad \|M\|_D = \text{Inf}_{G \in \mathbb{H}} \|M\|_G.$$

Let f be a bounded real valued function defined on $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$. We set

$$\begin{aligned} M(D, f) &= (a_{\lambda, \mu}) \text{ where } a_{\lambda, \mu} = \text{Sup}(f^2(x, y) I_\lambda(x) I_\mu(y)) \\ \|f\|_D^2 &= \|M(D, f)\|_D \\ v_D(F) &= \sum_\lambda P(\xi \in I_\lambda)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Our main result is

Theorem 1. *There exists some constant C ($C = 80\pi$ holds) such that for every integer $k > 0$, for every partition D , for every symmetric f*

$$E(U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f)^{2k}) \leq C^{2k} \times (EN^{2k})^4 \times \|f\|_D^{2k} \text{Max}(n^{2k}(v_D(F))^k, n^2 v_D(F)).$$

where \mathcal{N} denotes the standard normal distribution.

Corollary 1. *There exists some constant C such that for every partition D , for every symmetric f , for every $x > 0$*

$$P(|U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f)| \geq Cx \|f\|_D \text{Max}(n\sqrt{v_D(F)}, 1)) \leq \exp(6 - 2\sqrt{x}).$$

As we will see in the following *Discussion*,

Remark 1: The classical inequality (AG) is strictly better whenever $x \leq n\sigma^2/c^2$.

Remark 2: Nevertheless, our inequality can work when the classical one does not.

Remark 3: Finally, up to some logarithm, \sqrt{x} is the best possible rate.

Main application: Let (Ψ_1, Ψ) be a wavelet and $\varepsilon_\lambda, \varepsilon_{\ell, \lambda}$ be the associated basis:

$$\varepsilon_\lambda(x) = \Psi_1(x + \lambda) / \|\Psi_1\|_2, \varepsilon_{\ell, \lambda}(x) = 2^{\ell/2} \Psi(2^\ell x + \lambda) / \|\Psi\|_2 (\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}, \ell \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Let p be some density of Probability on \mathbb{R} equipped with Lebesgue measure dx , assumed to be square integrable in applications.

Let β_λ be $\int p(x)\varepsilon_\lambda(x)dx$ and $\gamma_{\ell,\lambda}$ be $\int \varepsilon_{\ell,\lambda}(x)p(x)dx$.

We set $p_L = \Sigma_\lambda \beta_\lambda \varepsilon_\lambda + \Sigma_{\ell \leq L} \Sigma_\lambda \gamma_{\ell,\lambda} \varepsilon_{\ell,\lambda}$ (the projection of p up to level of resolution L) and want to estimate its square norm

$$\theta_L \doteq \|p_L\|_2^2 = \Sigma_\lambda \beta_\lambda^2 + \Sigma_{\ell \leq L} (\Sigma_\lambda \gamma_{\ell,\lambda}^2). \tag{4}$$

When $(\xi_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n)$ is a n -sample with density p ($n \geq 2$), the empirical estimators of coefficients are $\beta_{\lambda,n} = \Sigma_i \varepsilon_\lambda(\xi_i)/n$, $\gamma_{\ell,\lambda,n} = \Sigma_i \varepsilon_{\ell,\lambda}(\xi_i)/n$. Let $p_{L,n}$ be

$$p_{L,n} = \Sigma_\lambda \beta_{\lambda,n} \varepsilon_\lambda + \Sigma_{\ell \leq L} \Sigma_\lambda \gamma_{\ell,\lambda,n} \varepsilon_{\ell,\lambda}.$$

The ‘‘natural estimator’’ for θ_L is

$$\Sigma_\lambda \beta_{\lambda,n}^2 + \Sigma_{\ell \leq L} (\Sigma_\lambda \gamma_{\ell,\lambda,n}^2).$$

But the latter has positive bias, and the unbiased estimator is

$$\widehat{\theta}_{L,n} = (n(n-1))^{-1} \Sigma_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} \{ \Sigma_\lambda \varepsilon_\lambda(\xi_i) \varepsilon_\lambda(\xi_j) + \Sigma_{\ell \leq L} (\Sigma_\lambda \varepsilon_{\ell,\lambda}(\xi_i) \varepsilon_{\ell,\lambda}(\xi_j)) \}. \tag{5}$$

Let $\Delta_{n,L} = \widehat{\theta}_{L,n} - \theta_L$. According to (5), $\Delta_{n,L}$ can be decomposed into canonical U -statistics in the following way: let Φ_1 be $\Psi_1/\|\Psi_1\|_2$ and let Φ be $\Psi/\|\Psi\|_2$,

$$f(x, y) = \Sigma_\lambda \Phi_1(x + \lambda) \Phi_1(y + \lambda), \quad f_\ell(x, y) = \Sigma_\lambda \Phi(2^\ell x + \lambda) \Phi(2^\ell y + \lambda) \tag{3}$$

$$\delta_n = (2/n)U_n^{(1)}(\pi_1 f) + (1/n(n-1))U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f) \tag{4}$$

$$\delta_{\ell,n} = (2 \cdot 2^\ell/n)U_n^{(1)}(\pi_1 f_\ell) + (2^\ell/n(n-1))U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f_\ell). \tag{6}$$

Then $\Delta_{n,L} = \delta_n + \Sigma_{\ell \leq L} \delta_{\ell,n}$. In the decomposition above, the sum of U -statistics of order 1 is equal to the part up to level of resolution L of $\int p(p_n - p)$. It can be bounded in Probability by classical Bernstein’s inequality. The control of each U -statistic of order 2 will be performed by our inequality. This is very useful, either to estimate θ_L [3], or in model selection: in this problem, the authors consider a wide family of finite dimensional projections. Our study is quite general, but we observe that if Ψ_1 and Ψ are with compact support, for every L the family $(\beta_\lambda, \alpha_{\ell,\lambda} \mid \ell \leq L)$ is in fact with finite dimension, and hypothesis (H) *infra* holds. Thus our result can be used in adaptive estimation of quadratic functionals in a density model (see for example [4] where white noise is treated), where the theory needs good bounds up to $2^\ell = O(n^2)$. These bounds cannot be obtained by classical Hoeffding’s bounds (see the chapter ‘‘Discussion’’).

We assume in the whole paper

Hypothesis (H).

$$|\Phi(x)| \leq \Sigma_{u \in \mathbb{Z}} \omega_u 1_{u \leq x < u+1} \text{ with } \Sigma_{u \in \mathbb{Z}} \omega_u < \infty$$

$$\text{and we set } M^2(\Phi) = \Sigma_{(u,v,w) \in \mathbb{Z}^3} \omega_u \omega_v \omega_{u+w} \omega_{v+w}. \tag{H}$$

In the particular case when the law has density p , for the normalised U -statistic, we have

Theorem 2. *We assume that the function Φ with $\|\Phi\|_2 = 1$ satisfies hypothesis (H), and that the law F has a density p with $\|p\|_2 = (\int p^2(x)dx)^{1/2} < \infty$. Set*

$$\|p\|_{2,\ell} = 2^{\ell/2} \left[\Sigma_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(\int_{k2^{-\ell}}^{(k+1)2^{-\ell}} p(x)dx \right)^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

$$\delta_{\ell,n}^{(2)} = (2^\ell/n(n-1))U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f_\ell) \text{ where } f_\ell(x, y) = \Sigma_\lambda \Phi(2^\ell x + \lambda)\Phi(2^\ell y + \lambda)$$

$$Z_{\ell,n} = \sqrt{n(n-1)}2^{-\ell/2}\delta_{\ell,n}^{(2)}.$$

Then, if $n\|p\|_{2,\ell} \geq 2^{\ell/2}$, we have, for C as in Theorem 1

$$P(|Z_{\ell,n}| \geq 2C \times M(\Phi) \times x) \leq \exp(6 - 2\sqrt{x}).$$

In this formula, $\text{Var}(Z_{\ell,n})$ does not depend on n . Moreover, there exists positive and finite constants $a(\Phi)$, $b(\Phi)$ depending only on Φ such that

$$\lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} \|p\|_{2,\ell} = \|p\|_2.$$

$$\lim_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} \|\pi_2 f_\ell\|_\infty = b(\Phi) \text{ and } a(\Phi)\|p\|_2^2 \leq \liminf_{\ell \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}(Z_{\ell,n}).$$

$$\|\pi_2 f_\ell\|_\infty \leq 4M(\Phi) \text{ and } \text{Var}(Z_{\ell,n}) \leq \|p\|_2^2 M^2(\Phi).$$

Remark 4: Such a result is interesting only if it works, for given n , ℓ , uniformly for large classes of densities. Obviously we need some uniform control of $\|p\|_2$, but this is not sufficient in view of condition $n\|p\|_{2,\ell} \geq 2^{\ell/2}$.

Thus we need some extra condition. If for example we assume that the support of p is contained in some interval $[x, x+M]$ we get $\|p\|_{2,\ell} \geq 1/(M+1)$ and the bound works if $n^2 \geq (M+1)2^\ell$.

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2. DISCUSSION

a) *About Corollary 1.*

We consider inequality stated in Corollary 1 and assertion (AG2''). We assume $\|f\|_\infty = 1$. Without further knowledge about the law F , we can only bound $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(\pi_2(f))$ by Ef^2 and $c = \|\pi_2 f\|_\infty$ by 4. Up to some change of a_3 , (AG2') is restated

$$P\left(|U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f)| \geq a_3 \text{Max}\left(nx\sqrt{Ef^2}, \sqrt{nx}3^{3/2}\right)\right) \leq a_4 \exp(-x).$$

On the other hand, we have the obvious inequality

$$Ef^2 \leq \|f\|_D^2 v_D(F).$$

Proof of Remark 1: Let us assume $x \leq n\sigma^2$. Thus $\text{Max}(n\sigma x, c\sqrt{nx}3^{3/2}) = n\sigma x \leq n\|f\|_2 x \leq x\|f\|_D \text{Max}(n\sqrt{v_D(F)}, 1)$ and, up to constants (AG2') is always better than the bound of Corollary 1 whenever $x \leq n\sigma^2$.

Nevertheless, our inequality provides a possible alternative if there exists some partition D such that $n^2 v_D \geq 1$ and $\|f\|_D^2 v_D(F) \approx Ef^2$ (up to constant). We exhibit two extremal cases in the case when the law is the uniform one:

1) $f(x, y) = \mathbf{1}_{0 \leq x < p; 0 \leq y < p}$, where $0 < p < 1$. We set $q = 1 - p$. We have $\|f\|_\infty = 1$, $Ef^2 = p^2$. Choosing $I_1 = (0, p)$ $I_\lambda =]p + (\lambda - 2)q/K, p + (\lambda - 1)q/K)$ for $1 < \lambda \leq K + 1$, we get $v_D = p^2 + q^2/K$ and, for a convenient choice of G , $\|f\|_D^2 = 1$. Moreover $\text{Var}(\pi_2 f) = p^2 q^2$ and $\|\pi_2 f\|_\infty = \max(p^2, q^2)$.

When p is small, up to constants, in the classical inequality we can use either precise true parameters or rough estimates ($\|f\|_\infty$ and Ef^2 for $\|\pi_2 f\|_\infty$ and $\text{Var}(\pi_2 f)$) and we get

$$P(|U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f)| \geq a \text{Max}(nxp, \sqrt{nx}3^{3/2})) \leq a_4 \exp(-x) \tag{AG2'}$$

Our result is

$$P(|U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f)| \geq Cx \text{Max}(np, 1)) \leq \exp(6 - 2\sqrt{x}). \tag{Cor 1}$$

In this setting, we can assume $x > 1$, n large.

If $1 < x < np^2$, the classical inequality is better, but (up to constants) only with respect to the exponent of x .

A contrario the classical result does not work in the case when $np^2 = o(1)$ but not our one provided that np is large, and this justify the Remark 2.

We will see that it is a quite general result in the *main application*.

Remark 3: Assuming $np = 1$ and denoting f_n the corresponding function, when $n \rightarrow \infty$, it is easy to prove that $U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f_n)$ converges in law to $Y^2 - 3Y + 1$ where the law of Y is the Poisson law with parameter 1. Thus

$$\liminf_{x \rightarrow \infty} \lim_n \{-\text{Log } P(U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f_n) \geq x) / \sqrt{x} \text{Log}(\sqrt{x})\} \geq 1$$

proving that the power 1/2 is the best possible.

2) Let be $g(x, y) = \mathbf{1}_{0 \leq x \leq 1; 0 \leq y \leq 1} - \mathbf{1}_{p \leq x \leq 1-p; p \leq y \leq 1-p}$ (p small) and $\varepsilon(x) = \mathbf{1}_{x \leq 1/2} - \mathbf{1}_{1/2 < x}$ and finally $f(x, y) = \varepsilon(x)\varepsilon(y)g(x, y)$. Then, for the uniform law, $f = \pi_2 f$ and $\text{Var}(\pi_2 f) = \text{Var}(f) = 4p(1-p)$. Obviously, for every D , $\|f\|_D^2 = |D|$ and $v_D(F) \geq 1/D$, thus $\|f\|_D \max(n\sqrt{v_D(F)}, 1) \geq n$ (and n is obtained by the partition with *one* element).

The classical inequality gives for some universal a

$$P(|U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f)| \geq a \text{Max}(n\sqrt{px}, \sqrt{nx^{3/2}})) \leq a_4 \exp(-x)$$

and, *whatever* be p , our inequality provides only

$$P(|U_n^{(2)}(\pi_2 f)| \geq Cxn) \leq \exp(6 - 2\sqrt{x})$$

a very poor result!

b) *About the main application:*

b1) We consider firstly the case of the Haar basis ($\Phi(x) = \mathbf{1}_{0 \leq x < 1}$ or $\Phi(x) = \mathbf{1}_{0 \leq x < 1/2} - \mathbf{1}_{1/2 \leq x < 1}$), with uniform law on the interval $]0, 1[$. In the first case, at the level ℓ , setting $D = ([\lambda 2^{-\ell}, (\lambda + 1)2^{-\ell}[| \lambda \in \mathbb{Z}$), $f_\ell = \sum_{\lambda \in \mathbb{Z}} \Phi(2^\ell x + \lambda)\Phi(2^\ell y + \lambda)$, we have $M(\Phi) = \|f_\ell\|_D = 1$, $\|\pi_2(f_\ell)\|_\infty = (1 - 2^{-\ell})$, $v_D(F) = 2^{-\ell}$ and $\text{Var}(\pi_2(f_\ell)) = (1 - 2^{-\ell})^2 2^{-\ell}$.

Thus for every $\ell \geq 1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} 2^\ell v_D(F) &= \|f\|_D = 1. \\ 1/2 \leq \text{Var}(Z_{\ell,n}) &= 2^\ell \text{Var}(\pi_2 f_\ell) \leq 1. \\ 1/2 &\leq \|\pi_2 f_\ell\|_\infty \leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

and, whenever $2^\ell \leq n^2$, Theorem 2 provides

$$P\left(|Z_\ell| / \sqrt{\text{Var}(Z_{\ell,n})} \geq 2Cx\right) \leq \exp(6 - 2\sqrt{x}).$$

The classical one provides

$$P\left(|Z_\ell| / \sqrt{\text{Var}(Z_{\ell,n})} \geq a_3(x + (2^\ell/n)^{1/2}x^{3/2})\right) \leq a_4 \exp(-x)$$

and does not work if $n = o(2^\ell)$.

Remark 5: Massart (private communication) thinks that using Talagrand's inequality the best possible bandwith is $2^\ell = O(n^{3/2})$ and this is the principal motivation of this work.

b2) Finally, let $\kappa_{n,\ell}^2$ the chi-square (with $2^\ell - 1$ degrees of freedom) associated to the partition: with $N_\lambda = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} \mathbf{1}_{\lambda 2^{-\ell} < \xi_i \leq (\lambda+1)2^{-\ell}}$

$$\kappa_{n,\ell}^2 = \sum_\lambda (N_\lambda - EN_\lambda)^2 / EN_\lambda.$$

The centered and normalised $\kappa_{n,\ell}^2$ is equal to $Z_\ell / \sqrt{\text{Var}(Z_{\ell,n})}$. Thus our result provides a large deviation inequality for $\kappa_{n,\ell}^2$ even in the case when $n \approx 2^{\ell/2}$. Remark that the mean number of visits EN_λ can be $O(1/n)$!

The second case is the best possible: for every ℓ we have $\|f_\ell\|_\infty = 1$, f_ℓ is canonical and $\|f\|_D^2 v_D(F) = \text{Var}(Z_\ell)$.

b3) We consider now the general case in the main application:

Using the final assertions of Theorem 2, we see that we have asymptotically the same conclusion as in the case of b1: whenever ℓ is large, our Z , up to constants depending only on Φ and the law p , is the normalised U -statistic of order 2 corresponding to some canonical function the Sup norm of which is equivalent to 1.

Thus we get a large deviation inequality which cannot be obtained using the classical result for $2^{\ell/2} \ll n \ll 2^\ell$.

3. PROOFS

The proof is based on *De la Peña's* inequalities [2]. As all bounds are continuous with respect to $\|f\|_D$, $v_D(F)$, it suffices to prove that, if G is a collection such that $\sum_{i \in G} \text{Sup}_{\lambda \in D} (f^2(x, y) I_\lambda(x) I_{\tau_i(\lambda)}(y)) = 1$, then

$$E(V_n^{2k}) \leq C^{2k} \times (\mathbb{E}\mathcal{N}^{2k})^4 \times \text{Max}(n^2 v, (n^2 v)^k) \quad (8)$$

where, to simplify notations, we set

$$V_n = \sum_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} \pi_2 f(\xi_i, \xi_j) \quad \text{and} \quad v = v_D(F). \quad (9)$$

1: Symmetrization

Let $\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon'_i, \mathcal{N}_i, \mathcal{N}'_i, \xi_i, \eta_i$ be six independent n -samples: the common law of ε 's is the law of the centered sign, the common law of the \mathcal{N} 's is the normal $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, the common law of ξ 's and η 's is the law F .

Using the first Theorem of *De la Peña*, as $\pi_2 f$ is canonical, we get:

For every Γ even, increasing on \mathbb{R}^+ and convex

$$E\Gamma(V_n) \leq E\Gamma(4 \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n; i \neq j} \pi_2 f(\xi_i, \eta_j)).$$

Using the classical symmetrization inequalities (see [2] again), we have

$$E\Gamma(V_n) \leq E\Gamma(16 \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n; i \neq j} \varepsilon_i \varepsilon'_j \pi_2 f(\xi_i, \eta_j)).$$

As the $\varepsilon_i, \varepsilon'_i$ can be viewed as conditional expectations of $\sqrt{\pi/2} \mathcal{N}_i, \sqrt{\pi/2} \mathcal{N}'_i$, using convexity again we get

$$E\Gamma(V_n) \leq E\Gamma(8\pi \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n; i \neq j} \mathcal{N}_i \mathcal{N}'_j \pi_2 f(\xi_i, \eta_j)).$$

We set now

$$W_n = \sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n; i \neq j} \pi_2 f(\xi_i, \eta_j)^2. \quad (10)$$

In law, $(\sum_{1 \leq i, j \leq n; i \neq j} \mathcal{N}_i \mathcal{N}'_j \pi_2 f(\xi_i, \eta_j))^2 = \mathcal{N}^2 \sum_i (\sum_j \pi_2 f(\xi_i, \eta_j) \mathcal{N}_j)^2$ or $\mathcal{N}^2 \sum_k \lambda_k \mathcal{N}_k^2$, where $\sum_k \lambda_k = W_n$ with $\lambda_k \geq 0$, thus, by convexity:

Lemma 1. *For every $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we have*

$$EV_n^{2k} \leq (8\pi)^{2k} (E\mathcal{N}^{2k})^2 EW_n^k.$$

2: Bounds for functions

k is a natural integer. The current indexes i, j of the sample belongs to $[1, n]$. The current s belongs to G , other current indexes as λ, μ, \dots belong to D . We have $|f| \leq \sqrt{h}$ where

$$h(x, y) = \Sigma_{\lambda, \mu} a_{\lambda, \mu} I_{\lambda}(x) I_{\mu}(y). \tag{11}$$

Thus $|\pi_2 f(x, y)| \leq \int \int (\sqrt{h}(x, y) + \sqrt{h}(x, t) + \sqrt{h}(z, y) + \sqrt{h}(z, t)) F(dz) F(dt)$ and finally

$$\pi_2 f(x, y)^2 \leq 4 \int (h(x, y) + h(x, t) + h(z, y) + h(z, t)) F(dz) F(dt).$$

Thus by convexity

Lemma 2. For h defined in (11) and natural integer k we have

$$EW_n^k \leq (16)^k E((\Sigma_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} h(\xi_i, \eta_j))^k). \tag{12}$$

3: Bounds for moments

We define the numbers of visits of I_{λ} by each of the two samples as

$$X_{\lambda} = \Sigma_{1 \leq i \leq n} I_{\lambda}(\xi_i) \quad \text{and} \quad Y_{\lambda} = \Sigma_{1 \leq i \leq n} I_{\lambda}(\eta_i). \tag{13}$$

Let τ be the current permutation of G and π_{τ} be $\text{Sup}_{\lambda} a_{\lambda, \tau(\lambda)}$. We have obviously

$$\Sigma_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} h(\xi_i, \eta_j) \leq \Sigma_{\tau} \pi_{\tau} (\Sigma_{\lambda} X_{\lambda} Y_{\tau(\lambda)}).$$

As $\Sigma_{\tau} \pi_{\tau} = 1$, by convexity again and (13) we obtain

$$EW_n^k \leq (16)^k \text{Sup}_{\tau} E((\Sigma_{\lambda} X_{\lambda} Y_{\tau(\lambda)})^k).$$

Appendix 1 contains the proof of the main technical result, namely:

Lemma 3. With previous notations, for every τ , for every integer $k \geq 1$, we have

$$E(\Sigma_{\lambda} X_{\lambda} Y_{\tau(\lambda)})^k \leq 6^k \text{Max}(n^2 v, (n^2 v)^k) (E\mathcal{N}^{2k})^2.$$

Collecting the previous bounds, proof of Theorem 1 is achieved. □

4: Proof of Corollary 1

A) We assume that $n^2 v \geq 1$. Let X be $U_n^{(2)}(f)/C\|f\|_D n\sqrt{v}$.

Appendix 2 contains the proof of the quite obvious

Lemma 4. If for every natural integer k we have $\mathbb{E}X^{2k} \leq (\mathbb{E}\mathcal{N}^{2k})^4$, then

$$\mathbb{P}(|X| \geq x) \leq \exp(6 - 2\sqrt{x}).$$

B) Now, if $n^2 v \leq 1$, let Y be $U_n^{(2)}(f)/C\|f\|_D$. For the same reason we have

$$\mathbb{P}(|Y| \geq x) \leq \exp(6 - 2\sqrt{x}).$$

This achieves the proof. □

5: Proof of Theorem 2

Let Δ be some positive integer and D be the partition $(I_{\lambda, D} = (\lambda/\Delta, (\lambda + 1)/\Delta) | \lambda \in \mathbb{Z})$. In what follows indexes λ, u, v, s belong to \mathbb{Z} .

Let $p_{\lambda,D}$ be $P(\xi \in I_{\lambda,D})$ and p_D be the density $p_D(x) = \Sigma \Delta p_{\lambda,D} I_{\lambda,D}$. Expectation with respect to p_D is denoted E_D . We have

$$\lim_{\Delta \rightarrow \infty} \|p_D - p\|_2 = 0, \quad \Delta v_D = \|p_D\|_2^2 \text{ and thus } \lim_{\Delta \rightarrow \infty} \Delta v_D = \|p\|_2^2.$$

We set $\Phi(x) = \Sigma_{u \in \mathbb{Z}} \gamma_u(x-u) \mathbf{1}_{u \leq x < u+1}$, where the support of γ_u is included in $[0, 1[$ (thus defining the γ_u 's); we have $\|\gamma_u\|_\infty \leq \omega_u$. As $\|\Phi\|_2 = 1$, there exists some u_o with $\|\gamma_{u_o}\|_2^2 > 0$.

We set $f_D(x, y) = \Sigma_\lambda \Phi(\Delta x + \lambda) \Phi(\Delta y + \lambda)$.

a) *Bounds for $Ef_D^2(\xi, \eta)$ and $\|f_D\|_D$:*

We begin by bounding from below the quantity $Ef_D^2(\xi, \eta)$.

We have $Ef_D^2(\xi, \eta) = \Sigma_{\lambda, \mu} (E\Phi(\Delta\xi + \lambda)\Phi(\Delta\eta + \mu))^2 \geq \Sigma_\lambda (E\Phi^2(\Delta x + \lambda))^2$, thus $Ef_D^2(\xi, \eta) \geq \Sigma_\lambda (E\gamma_{u_o}^2(\Delta\xi + \lambda - u_o)I_{u_o - \lambda, D})^2$. A classical computation gives $(EgI_{\mu, D})^2 - (E_D gI_{\mu, D})^2 \geq -2\|gI_{\mu, D}\|_\infty \|gI_{\mu, D}\|_2 p_{\mu, D} (\int_{I_{\mu, D}} (p - p_D)^2 dx)^{1/2}$ then $Ef_D^2(\xi, \eta) \geq \Sigma_\lambda (E_D \gamma_{u_o}^2(\Delta\xi + \lambda - u_o)I_{u_o - \lambda, D})^2 - 2\omega_{u_o} (\|\gamma_{u_o}\|_2 / \sqrt{\Delta}) \sqrt{v_D} \|p - p_D\|_2$. As $(E_D \gamma_{u_o}^2(\Delta\xi + \lambda - u_o)I_{u_o - \lambda, D})^2 = p_{u_o - \lambda, D}^2 \|\gamma_{u_o}\|_2^4$, we get

$$\Delta Ef_D^2(\xi, \eta) \geq \Delta v_D \|\gamma_{u_o}\|_2^4 - 2\omega_{u_o}^3 \|p - p_D\|_2 \sqrt{\Delta v_D} \text{ and}$$

$$\liminf_{\Delta \rightarrow \infty} \Delta Ef_D^2(\xi, \eta) \geq \|p\|_2^2 a(\Phi) := \|p\|_2^2 \|\gamma_{u_o}\|_2^4 > 0. \quad (15)$$

On the other hand, $|f_D(x, y)| \leq g(x, y) := \Sigma_\lambda |\Phi(\Delta x + \lambda)\Phi(\Delta y + \lambda)|$. Using (H), we have $g(x, y) \leq \Sigma_{\lambda, u, v} \omega_{u+\lambda} \omega_{v+\lambda} I_u(x) I_v(y)$.

Setting $\sqrt{a_s} = \Sigma_u \omega_u \omega_{u+s}$, $g(x, y) \leq \Sigma_{\lambda, s} \sqrt{a_s} I_\lambda(x) I_{\lambda+s}(y)$, then

$$g^2(x, y) \leq \Sigma_s a_s (\Sigma_\lambda I_\lambda(x) I_{\lambda+s}(y)). \quad (16)$$

But $\Sigma_s a_s = \Sigma_{u, v, s} \omega_u \omega_v \omega_{u+s} \omega_{v+s} = M(\Phi)^2 \geq \Sigma_{u, v} \omega_u \omega_v \omega_u \omega_v = (\Sigma_u \omega_u^2)^2 \geq 1$ because $\|\Phi\|_2 = 1$. Taking for G the collection of $\lambda: \rightarrow \lambda + s$, we get

$$\|f_D\|_D^2 \leq M^2(\Phi) \text{ and } M^2(\Phi) \geq 1. \quad (17)$$

We recall the obvious upper bound

$$Ef_D^2 \leq v_D M^2(\Phi) \leq \|p\|_2^2 M^2(\Phi) / \Delta. \quad (18)$$

b) *Bounds for $\|f_D\|_\infty$:*

Obviously, $\|f_D\|_\infty$ does not depend on D , and is less than $M(\Phi)$:

$$\text{There exists some } b(\Phi) \text{ with } 0 < b(\Phi) = \|f_D\|_\infty \leq M(\Phi). \quad (19)$$

d) *Bounds for $\|\pi_2 f_D\|_2$ and $\|\pi_2 f_D\|_\infty$:*

As for Δ large, $\text{Sup}_\lambda p_{\lambda, D} = o(1/\sqrt{\Delta})$ we have $|E\Phi(\Delta\eta + \lambda)| = o(1/\sqrt{\Delta})$. Thus $\|Ef(x, \eta)\|_\infty := \text{Sup}_x |Ef(x, \eta)| \rightarrow 0$. We have $\pi_2 f_D(x, y) = f_D(x, y) - Ef(x, \eta) - Ef(\xi, y) + Ef(\xi, \eta)$, and asymptotically we have

$$\lim_{\Delta \rightarrow \infty} \|\pi_2 f_D\|_\infty = b(\Phi) \text{ (and obviously by (19) } \|\pi_2 f_D\|_\infty \leq 4M(\Phi)). \quad (20)$$

We have $E(f_D)^2 \geq \text{Var}(\pi_2 f_D) \geq \Sigma_\lambda (\text{Var}\Phi^2(\Delta\xi + \lambda))^2 = \Sigma_\lambda (E(\Phi^2(\Delta\xi + \lambda) - E(\Phi(\Delta\xi + \lambda))^2)^+)^2$. Using the fact that $\Delta E(\Phi(\Delta\xi + \lambda))^2$ goes uniformly to 0 and (15), we get

$$a(\Phi) \|p\|_2^2 \leq \liminf_{\Delta \rightarrow \infty} \Delta \text{Var}(\pi_2 f_D) \quad (21)$$

$$\Delta Var(\pi_2 f_D) \leq \|p\|_2^2 M^2(\Phi).$$

e) *Proof of Theorem 2*

We set now $\Delta = 2^\ell$. Using $nC/\sqrt{n/(n-1)} \leq 2C$, $n^2 v_D \geq 1$, $\|f_D\|_D \leq M(\Phi)$ and $\Delta v_D \leq \|p\|_2^2$, Corollary 1 gives the exponential upper bound.

APPENDIX 1: PROOF OF LEMMA 3

In this appendix where partition D is fixed, we use notation

$$v_D = v, p_\lambda = P(\xi \in I_\lambda), \eta_\lambda = \mathbb{E}(X_\lambda) = np_\lambda \text{ thus } \Sigma \eta_\lambda^2 = n^2 v.$$

We recall that τ is some permutation of D , and that λ is the current point of D .

We consider two laws on $\mathbb{N}^D \times \mathbb{N}^D$, the current point of which is (\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) . In all cases, \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{Y} are independent with the same law.

In the first case, the law of \mathbf{X} is $\mathcal{M}(n, \mathbf{p})$ ($n \geq 2$), the Multinomial where $\mathbf{p} = (p_\lambda)$, with associated expectation E .

In the second one, the X_λ are independent, with Poisson law, and mean value $E_\eta(\mathbf{X}) = \eta$, where $\eta = (\eta_\lambda) = n\mathbf{p}$. The associated expectation is \mathbb{E}_η .

We consider the mapping U from $\mathbb{N}^D \times \mathbb{N}^D$ to \mathbb{R} defined by $U(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}) = \Sigma_\lambda X_\lambda Y_{\sigma(\lambda)}$. We will first prove that for every positive integer k $E(U^k)$ is less than $E_\eta(U^k)$ and then furnish an upper bound for this moment.

1: Reduction to the Poisson case

In what follows, E_μ denotes the expectation associated to the Poisson law with parameter μ . $X^{[k]}$ is the Polynomial $X(X-1) \cdots (X-k+1)$, for which $E_\mu X^{[k]} = \mu^k$.

Definitions: A mapping ψ from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{N} is strongly positive if

$$\psi(X) = \Sigma_k a_k X^{[k]}, \text{ with } a_k \geq 0 \text{ for every } k. \tag{d1}$$

A mapping Ψ from \mathbb{N}^D to \mathbb{N} is strongly positive if there exist some enumerable I , a family $(\psi_{\lambda,i} \mid \lambda; i \in I)$, a family $(a_i \mid i \in I)$, where each $\psi_{\lambda,i}$ is strongly positive and each a_i is positive, such that

$$\Psi(\mathbf{X}) = \Sigma_i a_i \Pi_\lambda \psi_{\lambda,i}(X_\lambda). \tag{d2}$$

Lemma 5. *If Ψ is strongly positive, then*

$$E(\Psi(\mathbf{X})) \leq E_\eta(\Psi(\mathbf{X})). \tag{a1}$$

For every k , X^k and $\{X(X-1)\}^k$ are strongly positive. Moreover for $k > 0$, we have

$$E_\mu \{X(X-1)\}^k \leq \text{Max}(\mu^{2k}, \mu^2) \times (E\mathcal{N}^{2k})^2. \tag{a2}$$

Remark: The upper bound in (a2) is increasing of k and μ ($k \geq 1$ and $\mu > 0$).

Proof of (a1): By d2, it suffices to prove the formula when $\Psi(\mathbf{X}) = \Pi X_\lambda^{[k_\lambda]}$. For such a Ψ , $E\Psi(\mathbf{X}) = 0$ if $\Sigma_\lambda k_\lambda > n$, and $(n!/(n - \Sigma_\lambda k_\lambda)!) \Pi_\lambda p_\lambda^{k_\lambda}$ else, obviously less than $\Pi_\lambda (np_\lambda)^{k_\lambda} = E_\eta \psi(\mathbf{X})$.

Proof of (a2): The fact that X^k is strongly positive (in our sense) is well-known.

Let T_k be $\{X(X-1)\}^k$. T_1 is $X^{[2]}$ and $E_\mu T_1 = \mu^2$. Assume $k > 1$; with $x = X - 2$, $T_k = X^{[2]} \{(x+2)(x+1)\}^{k-1}$. But $\{(x+2)(x+1)\}^{k-1}$ is polynomial with respect to x , with positive coefficients, thus strongly positive

with respect to x : $\{(x+2)(x+1)\}^{k-1} = \sum_{0 \leq j \leq 2k-2} \gamma_{j,k} x^{[j]}$; finally $X^{[2]} x^{[j]} = X^{[j+2]}$ and T^k is strongly positive. Moreover, $E_\mu T^k = E_\mu \sum_{0 \leq j \leq 2k-2} \gamma_{j,k} X^{[2+j]} = \mu^2 \sum_{0 \leq j \leq 2k-2} \gamma_{j,k} E X^{[j]} = \mu^2 E_\mu \{(X+2)(X+1)\}^{k-1}$.

Let g_k be $g_k(X) = T_k(X) \mathbf{1}_{X>1}$. g_k is convex, and if X is a Poisson r.v, almost surely $g_k(X) = T_k$. For $k = 1$, $E_\mu g_1(X) = \mu^2$; let k be > 1 . We have obtained $E_\mu \{X(X-1)\}^k = \mu^2 E_\mu g_{k-1}(X+2)$. Let Y be independent of X , Poisson with parameter 2; by Jensen, conditionally on $X = x$, $g_{k-1}(x+2) \leq E_2 g_{k-1}(x+Y)$, thus, as the law of $X+Y$ is Poisson with parameter $2+\mu$, we get $E_\mu \{X(X-1)\}^k \leq \mu^2 E_{\mu+2} g_{k-1}(X)$, thus, recursively

$$\text{if } k > 0, \text{ then } E_\mu \{X(X-1)\}^k \leq [\mu(\mu+2) \cdots (\mu+2k-2)]^2.$$

The product $\mu(\mu+2) \cdots (\mu+2k-2)$ is bounded by $\text{Max}(\mu^k, \mu) \times (1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdots (2k-1)) = \text{Max}(\mu^k, \mu) \times E \mathcal{N}^{2k}$ and the proof is achieved for a2.

Now we return to the proof. U^k being a sum with positive coefficients of products of powers of the almost surely positive X 's and the Y 's is obviously strongly positive with respect to the X 's and Y 's; by independence and (a1), we obtain for every $k \geq 0$:

$$EU^k \leq E_\eta U^k. \quad (\text{a3})$$

2: The Poisson case

For every pair x, y of natural integers, we have easily

$$xy \leq x(x-1) + y(y-1) + \mathbf{1}_{x=1} \times \mathbf{1}_{y=1}. \quad (\text{a4})$$

Let us define now

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \sum_\lambda X_\lambda (X_\lambda - 1), \quad Z' = \sum_\lambda Y_\lambda (Y_\lambda - 1) \\ T &= \sum_\lambda \mathbf{1}_{X_\lambda=1} \times \mathbf{1}_{Y_{\tau(\lambda)}=1} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{d3})$$

Using the fact that τ is a permutation, by a4 we have $U \leq Z + Z' + T$, then, as the laws of Z and Z' are the same

$$E_\eta U^k \leq 3^k \text{Max}(E_\eta Z^k, E_\eta T^k). \quad (\text{a5})$$

3: Bound for the first term

As $E_\eta Z = n^2 v$, we assume that $k > 1$. We set

$$E(k, \mu) = \text{Max}(\mu^{2k}, \mu^2) (E \mathcal{N}^{2k})^2 \text{ if } k > 0 \text{ and } 1 \text{ else.}$$

By a2, we have

$$E_\eta Z^k \leq \sum_{k_\lambda \geq 0; \sum_\lambda k_\lambda = k} \{k! / \prod_\lambda k_\lambda!\} \prod_\lambda E(k_\lambda, \eta_\lambda). \quad (\text{a6})$$

First case: If for each λ , $\eta_\lambda \geq 1$, then, as $\prod_\lambda E \mathcal{N}^{2k_\lambda} \leq E \mathcal{N}^{2 \sum_\lambda k_\lambda}$, we have

$$E_\eta Z^k \leq (E \mathcal{N}^{2k})^2 \sum_{k_\lambda \geq 0; \sum_\lambda k_\lambda = k} \{k! / \prod_\lambda k_\lambda!\} \eta_\lambda^{2k_\lambda} \quad (5)$$

thus, in the first case, for every $k \geq 0$

$$E_\eta Z^k \leq (n^2 v)^k (E \mathcal{N}^{2k})^2. \quad (\text{A1})$$

Second case: For each λ , $\eta_\lambda \leq 1$:

Let A be a non-void subset of $[0, D[\cap \mathbb{Z}$, and $M(A, k)$ be the subset of \mathbb{N}^A given by $(k_i \mid i \in A; k_i > 0 \text{ for each } i \in A; \sum_{i \in A} k_i = k)$. We set

$$S(A, k) = \sum_{M(A, k)} \{k! / \prod_i k_i!\} \prod_i E(k_i, \eta_i).$$

The general term of $S(A, k)$ is $\{k! / \prod_i k_i!\} \prod_i \eta_i^2 \prod_i E(\mathcal{N}^{2k_i})^2$.

Let ν_j be $(E\mathcal{N}^{2j})^2 / j!$ ($j \in \mathbb{N}$). Elementary computation gives

$$\text{If } 1 \leq j \leq k, \text{ then } \nu_j \nu_k \leq \nu_{j-1} \nu_{k+1}. \quad (\text{a7})$$

Thus the general term of $S(A, k)$ is bounded by $\prod_i \eta_i^2 E(\mathcal{N}^{2k})^2$ (obtained outside of $M(A, k)$, when all k_i are 0 except one).

On the other hand, it is well-known that $|M(A, k)| = \binom{k-1}{a-1}$, where $a = |A|$. Finally

$$E_\eta(Z^k) \leq \sum_{\text{non void}} S(A, k) \leq (E\mathcal{N}^{2k})^2 \times \{\sum_{a>0} \binom{k-1}{a-1} (\sum_{|A|=a} \prod_{i \in A} \eta_i^2)\}.$$

As $\sum_{|A|=a} \prod_{i \in A} \eta_i^2 \leq (n^2 v)^a$ and $\sum_{a>0} \binom{k-1}{a-1} = 2^{k-1}$, we get in the second case, for any $k \geq 1$

$$E_\eta Z^k \leq 2^{k-1} \text{Max}(n^2 v, (n^2 v)^k) (E\mathcal{N}^{2k})^2. \quad (\text{A2})$$

General case: We divide $[0, D[$ into two (non void) subsets:

$\Delta_1 = (\lambda \mid \eta_\lambda < 1)$ and $\Delta_2 = (\lambda \mid \eta_\lambda \geq 1)$, and set $v_i = \sum_{\lambda \in \Delta_i} \eta_\lambda^2$. Using (A1, A2), we obtain

$$E(Z^k) \leq (E\mathcal{N}^{2k})^2 (n^2 v_2)^k + \sum_{j>0} \binom{k}{j} 2^{j-1} (E\mathcal{N}^{2j})^2 (E\mathcal{N}^{2k-2j})^2 \text{Max}(n^2 v_1, (n^2 v_1)^j) (n^2 v_2)^{k-j}.$$

The latter bound is increasing of v_i , each bounded by v . Thus finally, in any case, for $k \geq 1$

$$E_\eta Z^k \leq 2^k \text{Max}(n^2 v, (n^2 v)^k) (E\mathcal{N}^{2k})^2. \quad (\text{A3})$$

4: Bound for the second term

We can bound $E_\eta \mathbf{1}_{X_\lambda=1} \times \mathbf{1}_{Y_\tau(\lambda)=1}$ by $b_\lambda^2 := \eta_\lambda \eta_{\tau(\lambda)}$. We take notations of *Second case* of previous paragraph. Setting now

$$S'(A, k) = \sum_{M(A, k)} \{k! / \prod_i k_i!\} \prod_i b_i^2, \text{ we have } E_\eta T^k = \sum_{A \text{ non void}} S'(A, k).$$

The current term of $S'(A, k)$ is bounded by $k! \prod_i b_i^2$. Thus we obtain here

$$E_\eta T^k \leq k! 2^{k-1} \text{Max}(w, w^k) \text{ where } w = \sum_\lambda b_\lambda^2.$$

As by Cauchy-Schwartz $w \leq n^2 v$ and $k! \leq (E\mathcal{N}^{2k})^2$, we get again for $k \geq 1$

$$E_\eta T^k \leq 2^k \text{Max}(n^2 v, (n^2 v)^k) (E\mathcal{N}^{2k})^2. \quad (\text{A4})$$

Using (a3, a5, A3) and (A4), the proof is finished. \square

APPENDIX2: PROOF OF LEMMA 4

For $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we set $u_k = e^k E\mathcal{N}^{2k} (2k+1)^{-k}$, $r_k = u_{k+1}/u_k = e\{(2k+1)/(2k+3)\}^{k+1}$ and finally $\varphi(x) = 1 + (x+1) \text{Log}((2x+1)/(2x+3))$ for $x \geq 0$, then $\varphi(k) = \text{Log}(r_k)$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'(x) &= \text{Log}((2x+1)/(2x+3)) + 1/(2x+1) + 1/(2x+3). \\ \varphi''(x)/2 &= 1/(2x+1) - 1/(2x+3) - 1/(2x+1)^2 - 1/(2x+3)^2 \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$

As φ' goes to 0 when x goes to ∞ , we have $\varphi' \geq 0$. As φ goes to 0 when x goes to ∞ , $\varphi \leq 0$. Thus, for $k > 0$, $u_{k+1} \leq u_k \leq u_0 = 1$: we have proved that

$$\text{for every } k \in \mathbb{N}, EN^{2k} \leq e^{-k}(2k+1)^k. \quad *$$

Let us assume that for every $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $EX^{2k} \leq (EN^{2k})^4$. If $2k+3 \geq \sqrt{x} \geq 2k+1$, via Markov's inequality and assertion *, $P(|X| \geq x) \leq e^{-4k} \leq e^{-2\sqrt{x}+6}$. Then the result is proved for $x \geq 1$ and obvious for $0 \leq x \leq 1$.

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